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BOREAL OWL IN CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK COUNTY

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Abstract A Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*) was discovered by James Demes in Central Park during the Lower Hudson Valley Christmas Bird Count on 19 December 2004. The Boreal Owl was seen daily in the vicinity of the Tavern on the Green restaurant from 19 December through 13 January, except for three non-consecutive days when it could not be found. Seen by more than a thousand people and copiously documented, this represents just the second record for this species from Region 10 (New York City and Long Island).

At the Central Park Christmas Bird Count (CBC), which is a part of the Lower Hudson Valley CBC, held on 19 December 2004, no one wanted to bird the southwest section because it is the most built-up and least productive. No one ever sees any good birds there. Nonetheless, James Demes volunteered to bird that section. At the luncheon tally, Jim reported that he had seen a Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*). He said the bird was fairly well exposed and about 10 feet above the ground in a small Eastern Hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) at the Tavern on the Green restaurant. After lunch, anxious to see if the bird was photographable, I returned to the site with Jim and several other birders.

We found the bird facing away, hunched up and huddled against the hemlock's main trunk. The first thing I noticed was the large head and overall size, which told me it was not a Saw-whet Owl. But what was it? Several minutes later, after getting a look at the horn colored bill, black border of the facial discs, and fine white spots on the forehead I realized that it was a Boreal Owl (*A. funereus*)! One of the most sought-after of New York State's owls. A birder's dream.

I immediately called Lloyd Spitalnik, one of the CBC participants, via a borrowed cell phone, and told him to get your @*#\$ over here right away. Lloyd, a Central Park regular is also owner of Metro Birding Briefs (aka MetroBirds), a Yahoo Group devoted to the reporting of rare birds in the New York City Metropolitan Area. He was almost home when he received my phone call. Luckily the person driving him home understood the urgency of the situation and drove him back to the park. Fearing that the bird might prove to be a one-day wonder, Lloyd called as many of the active Central Park birders as he could reach. Some 20 birders got to see/photograph the bird before nightfall. That evening Lloyd posted directions to the owl on MetroBirds. The next morning the Boreal Owl was relocated perched in the open about 20 feet above the ground in a Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*) (Fig. 1) about 250 feet from the hemlock where it was seen the day before. It moved every few days between these two trees and an ornamental holly (*Ilex* sp.). One day it perched on grape vines (*Vitis* sp.) on the side of the restaurant. The latter two locations are within a few yards of the hemlock in which the bird was originally found. The only time it was not seen in



Figure 1. Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*), Central Park, New York City.
20 December 2004, Lloyd Spitalnik.

the immediate vicinity of the Tavern on the Green, it appeared about a quarter of a mile away in an Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra*). The Boreal Owl was seen daily from 19 December though 13 January, except for three non-consecutive days when it could not be found.

Judging from its relatively large size, the bird appeared to be a female, which is consistent with the fact that females rather than males tend to wander (Cheveau *et al.* 2004). During its stay the Boreal Owl was seen eating a young Norway Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) and was reported to have been seen hunting young rats around the restaurant at night. The pellets that were recovered contain rodent remains that have yet to be identified. However, the only other small rodent species known to occur in Central Park are House Mouse (*Mus musculus*) and White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*).

During the entire time the Boreal Owl was present, either Lloyd, myself, or both of us, spent considerable time monitoring the bird. People were generally well behaved and there was only one known incident of someone who jumped the fence that surrounded the spruce tree to get a better look. We estimate that between 1,000 and 1,500 people saw the owl, due in no small part to Lloyd's maintaining MetroBirds and answering numerous phone calls and e-mails asking if the bird was still present, thus making this bird the most viewed Boreal Owl in New York State's history. To our knowledge, the farthest anyone traveled to see the owl was a gentleman from California who used his relatives in New York as an excuse to see the bird.

Other New York State Records

A very rare vagrant to New York State (D Anna 1998), the Boreal Owl is especially rare in the southeastern part of the state. There are only two previous verified records from the New York City area (including northern New Jersey), both specimens: one struck a building at the Raritan Arsenal, near Bonhamtown, Middlesex County, NJ on 1 November 1962 (Bull 1964); and one was found dead at Cedar Beach, Suffolk County, Long Island on 15 January 1975 (Feustel 1975). A 12 February 1951 record from Croton Point, Westchester Co., observed for one hour at fifty feet by John Mayer and George Rose was rejected by Bull (1964, 1974) on the basis that no one else was informed about it until too late and thus no confirmation was possible. Unfortunately, although Mayer was well known for his superior birding skills, both he and Rose were loners who seldom reported the birds they saw, although they were responsible for some major finds that were later verified by others. These are among the southernmost known occurrences of the Boreal Owl in the northeastern United States.

There are more than two dozen Boreal Owl records from New York State, including several specimens and photographed individuals. Most records are from the Adirondacks and vicinity and the Lake Ontario Plain in Monroe and Oswego counties (Yunick 1979, D Anna 1998). At least four other Boreal Owls, besides the one in Central Park, were reported from New York State during the winter of 2004/05. The first of these was a bird found by Brett Ewald on the 18 December Wilson Lake Plains CBC at Wilson-Tuscarawas State Park, Niagara County. Seen by many observers it could not be found the following day (Mike Morgante,

Willie D Anna, *via e-mail*). A second bird found by Marg Partridge on her property in the town of Wilson, Niagara County, on 23 January stayed until nearly mid-March (Mike Morgante, Willie D Anna, *via e-mail*). Although the latter two locations are about three miles apart it is believed that these were not the same bird (D Anna, *via e-mail*). David Tetlow found another Boreal Owl on 30 December at the Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area, Monroe County. Subsequently seen by a number of other observers it only stayed through the following day (Kevin Griffith, *via e-mail*). A Boreal Owl heard a few nights later very near where this bird had been seen was probably the same individual (Willie D Anna, *via e-mail*). A fourth Boreal Owl was found stunned on a patio in the village of Hilto, Town of Parma, Monroe County and reportedly photographed, but no other details are currently available (Kevin Griffith, *via e-mail*).

Southward Irruptions of Northern Owls

The largest documented irruption of Great Gray Owls (*Strix nebulosa*), Northern Hawk Owls (*Surnia ulula*), and Boreal Owls ever recorded took place in the mid-West this past winter. More than 400 Boreal Owls were recorded in Minnesota as of 21 February 2005 compared to only one recorded the pervious winter (Alt 2005). The full extent of this invasion in eastern Canada and the northeastern U.S. has yet to be assessed.

Cheveau *et al.* (2004) showed that Boreal Owls periodically irrupt southward at 4-year intervals that are significantly correlated with low population densities of Red-backed Voles (*Clethrionomys gapperi*), their main food source. Although southward incursions of Great Gray and Northern Hawk Owls are correlated with those of Boreal Owls, the irruptions of the former two species are neither as strong nor as regular as are those of Boreal Owls. Cheveau *et al.* (2004) hypothesize that this is due to the larger size of Great Gray and Northern Hawk Owls, which allows them to access a wider size range of prey species than Boreal Owls, and to these owls preference for open habitats in which population fluctuations of small mammals are less extreme than those of Red-backed Voles.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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When the National Audubon Society stopped printing complete data for Christmas Bird Counts (CBCs) after the 101st CBC (2001/02), several concerns were raised by producers and users of CBC data. The electronic database from which the data must now be accessed (<http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/>) provides many conveniences for researchers, notably the ability to view many years' data for a given CBC in tabular form and the ability to search world-wide for counts of a given species. Nevertheless, many difficulties inevitably arise when maintaining and using such a huge source of information, and some of these problems have been greatly exacerbated by the discontinuation of printed data. Several of these problems are discussed below.

No fewer than 72 CBCs were conducted wholly or partly in New York State during the 2004/05 season. The abiding interest of New York birders in this program, coupled with the serious consequences following the discontinuation of print publication, stimulated the plan to publish traditional CBC data for New York count circles in *The Kingbird*. Conversations with long-time participants, followed by more formal discussions with CBC compilers, Kingbird Regional Editors, NYSOA officers, and the CBC staff at National Audubon Society, revealed not only the feasibility of doing so, but also an untapped wealth of energy and enthusiasm for this undertaking.

The following is a discussion of several of the problems associated with the present, exclusively electronic access to CBC data. Perhaps the first thing that many people noticed when the traditional CBC issue was discontinued, was the prohibitive difficulty of browsing through multiple counts for species or fellow citizen scientists of interest to them. Whereas it was once a pleasurable thirty second exercise to learn whether Bohemian Waxwings were present on various upstate New York CBCs during a particular winter, or to check whether an old friend was still counting Boreal Chickadees in New Hampshire, these simple tasks now require a series of pre-planned, often grueling internet sessions. Even worse, the hundreds of unfamiliar counts, once a rich source of interest and information literally at one's fingertips, are now prohibitively difficult to browse. To find the results of a count that one does not already know about on the electronic database requires navigating a series of browser commands, all of which must be repeated from scratch to find the next new count. Essentially every CBC aficionado with whom I have spoken has shared a sense of frustration and disappointment over this sort of inconvenience.

But the loss of complete hard copy results has had consequences far beyond mere convenience. Whereas a fundamental mission of the CBC program is to monitor winter bird populations, users might be dismayed to learn how very difficult—or even impossible—it can be to answer even the simplest queries

through the database. 'Dismay' is the only word I can use to describe my feeling when I discovered, in the historical database for the Southern Nassau County CBC, such bizarre entities as 'bittern species' and 'black-backed gull species.' I have personally known several of the pioneering birders on this count well enough to doubt that they ever saw a bird in Nassau County that they recognized as a bittern, but somehow could not identify beyond that! To make matters worse, 'bittern species' was found in more than one year, and as many as 191 'black-backed gull species' were tallied on a single count.

The answer to this puzzle is, of course, that observers and compilers in the 1930's could not imagine seeing a Least Bittern on a CBC, nor could they anticipate that within a few decades Lesser Black-backed Gulls would be eagerly sought and found on their count circles. Rather, they reported their big bitterns as Bitterns and their coffin-backs as Black-backed Gulls. Retrofitting these records into the electronic database is a serious information-technological challenge, and the present solution has been to shoe-horn them into generic categories, along with many other such curiosities, including 'phoebe species'—all of which were actually precisely identified at the time, as a quick glance at the dog-eared pages of *Bird Lore* will instantly prove.

This problem is not a mere inconvenience; it is an almost intractable obstacle to simple data analysis. If one wanted to chart the increase in wintering numbers of Great Black-backed Gulls on Long Island during the last century, one wouldn't find any at all in the database until some time after Lesser Black-backed Gulls began appearing in North America, forcing compilers to begin reporting the common species under its full English name. Records from earlier years would have to be deliberately retrieved under 'black-backed gull species' and then integrated in the analysis by brute force. Even worse, some birds continue to be reported under different names from year to year, even on the same count. For instance, one of Long Island's most numerous waterfowl, Brant (*Branta bernicla*), appears in the database under no fewer than eight names. 'Brant,' 'Brant (*hrota*),' 'Brant (*nigricans*),' 'White-bellied Brant,' 'Black Brant,' 'American Brant,' 'Black Sea Brant,' and 'Pacific Black Brant.' A researcher wishing to analyze data for this species has no choice but to make separate queries for every one of these names, download the results of each query, and integrate the multiple data sets. The last task is extremely difficult because some of the names in question are simple synonyms, whereas others (e.g., 'Brant' and 'Brant (*hrota*)') overlap only in part. These ambiguities were formerly easily resolved by recourse to the published data, in which nobody could mistake the continuity between the 20,000 'Brant' reported on a count one year and the 17,000 'Brant (*hrota*)' reported there the next year, or what was meant by 3 'Towhees' on a New York CBC. The tabular output currently available from the electronic database is another matter altogether, and even after laborious mining and reprocessing, many simple questions remain essentially impossible to answer.

The problems described so far are restricted to a few of those that are inherent in the electronic-only system as it is designed to function, but unfortunately, this system does not always function even this well. I can do no better than to quote from Louis Bevier's Central and South America Regional Summary for the 104th CBC (*American Birds* 58: 105): "The bad news:

Compilers in Latin America had to overcome a chaotic online interface. These problems remained even after most North American counts had been fixed, and review was equally frustrating. Behind the scenes, the CBC database appears to store data correctly, but online, lists are still disorganized for most counts in this region. I have made a strenuous plea for the data entry program to be fixed, and for CBC results to be published as they once were. The importance of printed, published results cannot be overstated and become especially needed when electronic access is uncertain.”

The data presented in this issue are far from perfect, but it is my hope that they will be a source of information and pleasure for present and future readers of *The Kingbird*.



Northern Shrikes are sought after birds on New York Christmas Bird Counts. During the winter of 2004/05, this species was found in better than average numbers on many upstate counts, but it was scarce to absent downstate.

Cedar Beach, Suffolk County, 30 Oct 2004. S.S. Mitra.

THE 105TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT IN NEW YORK STATE

The data below were collected and edited by a team of volunteers from throughout the state, as well as many individual compilers. This issue would not have been possible without the dedicated assistance of Mike Bochnik, Jim Landau, Andy Mason, Hugh McGuinness, Bill Ostrander, Bill Purcell, and Will Yandik.

Boldface indicates unusual species or unusually high counts; parentheses indicate data from the online database which differ from data submitted directly by compilers. For example, many counts included participants who declined to pay the fee and were thus not named or counted in the database. When known, these observers are included here, followed by the lower, official number in parentheses.

Abbreviations AQ-adequate details; cw-count week; FE-feral; LD-late details, seen by S. S. Mitra, but not submitted to K. McGowan for formal review; low-low count; MD-marginal details; MO-many observers; ND-no details; PD-poor details; ph-photo; PS-present for some time; RI-Recent introduction.

Region 1—Niagara Frontier

Beaver Meadow

42...33 N 73...39 W, center jct. Horican Ave. & 9 N. 18 Dec 04; 18...40... F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear. Observers: 25; Total party-hours 69.

Canada Goose 6; Mallard 18; Ring-necked Pheasant 5; Wild Turkey 103; Great Blue Heron 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 6; No. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 56; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Herring Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 728; Mourning Dove 252; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 28; Downy Woodpecker 87; Hairy Woodpecker 24; Pileated Woodpecker 2; No. Shrike 5; Blue Jay 275; Am. Crow 940; Horned Lark 1; Black-capped Chickadee 542; Tufted Titmouse 34; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 52; Brown Creeper 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Am. Robin 8; European Starling 3858; Cedar Waxwing 14; Am. Tree Sparrow 401; Song Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 12; Dark-eyed Junco 591; Snow Bunting 233; No. Cardinal 117; Brown-headed Cowbird 30; Purple Finch 25; House Finch 98; Am. Goldfinch 198; House Sparrow 519.

Totals: 44 species; 9,313 individuals. **Sponsor:** Buffalo Audubon Society. **Compiler:** William Michalek 1610 Welch Road, North Java, NY 14113-9713. **Participants:** Tom Bearss, Carmon Becker, Taddy Dann, Mary Domanski, Lois Donovan, The Kline Family, Marty Fay, Paul Fehringer, Norma Fischer, David Friedrich, Mike Galas, Jack Hartwig, Anne Kick, Betsy Kieffer, Rich Kingston, The Kurzdorfers, Brian Lewandowski, Christopher Marcello, John Mitton, Tom and Sue O'Donnell, Jim Pawlicki, Priscilla Pratt, Gerry Rising, Gail Seamans, Mike Zebehazy.

Buffalo

43...00 N 78...58 W, center Baseline Road, Grand I., halfway between Love & Staley Rds. 19 Dec 04; 12...-25... F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM cloudy, light snow. Observers: 30; Total party-hours: 113.5.

Canada Goose 2570 (30706); Tundra Swan 175; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 5 (6); Am. Wigeon 29 (1); Am. Black Duck 34 (173); Mallard 1483 (534); Mallard X Am. Black Duck hybrid 2 (0); No. Pintail 1 (9); Green-winged Teal 9; Canvasback 1028; Redhead 362 (7); Ring-necked Duck 28; Greater Scaup 644 (cw); Lesser Scaup (cw); scaup sp. 750; King Eider 2; (**Black Scoter cw**); Bufflehead 103 (4); Co. Goldeneye 466 (260); (**Barrow s Goldeneye cw**); Hooded Merganser 59; Co. Merganser 110 (15); Red-breasted Merganser 14; (Ruddy Duck cw); (Wild Turkey 5); Co. Loon 3; Horned Grebe 3; (Great Blue Heron 1); Bald Eagle 1; (No. Harrier 9); Sharp-shinned Hawk 2 (4); Cooper s Hawk 4 (3); Red-tailed Hawk 22 (34); Am. Kestrel 1 (5); Am. Coot 4 (10); Bonaparte s Gull 627; Ring-billed Gull 4917 (697); Herring Gull 9892 (137); Iceland Gull 2; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 5 (1)**; Great Black-backed Gull 165 (52); Rock Pigeon 906 (672); Mourning Dove 181 (83); E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 1; (**Snowy Owl 1**); Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 14 (6); Downy Woodpecker 52 (15); Hairy Woodpecker 6 (2); No. Flicker 8 (2); No. Shrike 4; Blue Jay 84 (54); Am. Crow 789 (2380); Horned Lark 6 (28); Black-capped Chickadee 171 (160); Tufted Titmouse 3 (13); Red-breasted Nuthatch 6 (1); White-breasted Nuthatch 22 (26); Brown Creeper 1; (Carolina Wren 1); Golden-crowned Kinglet 6 (3); Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 4 (21); Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 160 (52); No. Mockingbird 3 (1); European Starling 1070 (3634); (Cedar Waxwing 3); Yellow-rumped Warbler 8; Am. Tree Sparrow 189 (19); Song Sparrow 2 (1); White-throated Sparrow 26 (cw); White-crowned Sparrow 4; Dark-eyed Junco 231 (80); No. Cardinal 144 (31); Red-winged Blackbird 11; Brown-headed Cowbird 20; Purple Finch 1 (cw); House Finch 159 (70); Am. Goldfinch 92 (130); House Sparrow 762 (365).

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Dunkirk-Fredonia

42...26 N 79...17 W, center jct. Miller, Straight, & Epolito Rds. 1 Jan 05; 31...-57... F; AM partly clear; PM partly cloudy. Observers 20; Total party-hours 44.25.

Canada Goose 365; Am. Black Duck 12 (13); Mallard 152; No. **Shoveler 2**; Canvasback 14; Greater Scaup 4; Lesser Scaup 1; Bufflehead 31; Co. Goldeneye 5; Hooded Merganser 4; Co. Merganser 15; Red-breasted Merganser 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 98; Pied-billed Grebe 8; Horned Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 138; Great Blue Heron 1; **Black-crowned Night-Heron cw**; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper s Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 33; Am. Kestrel 1; Am. Coot 39; Ring-billed Gull 390; Herring Gull 30; Great Black-backed Gull 50; small gull sp. 2 (ND); Rock Pigeon 257; Mourning Dove 94; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 7; Downy Woodpecker 28; Hairy Woodpecker 11; No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 2; No. Shrike 3; Blue Jay 49; Am. Crow 240; Black-capped Chickadee 112; Tufted Titmouse 16; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 20; Carolina

Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 6; Am. Robin 35; European Starling 909; Cedar Waxwing 90; Am. Tree Sparrow 27; Song Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 3; Dark-eyed Junco 171; No. Cardinal 40; Brown-headed Cowbird cw; Purple Finch cw; House Finch 48; Am. Goldfinch 38; House Sparrow 240.

Totals: 57 species (+3 cw); 3730 individuals. **Compilers:** Joanne Goetz (6 Pine Drive, Fredonia, NY 14063) & Paul Farver. **Participants:** Allen Benton, Marge Benton, Chris Budniewski, Ray Budniewski, Richard Clarke, Sylvia Clarke, Paul Farver, Tom Goetz, Joe Gula, Carol Hardenburg, Gregory Harper, Jean Harper, Terry Mahoney, Dick Miga, Terry Mosher, David Neveu, Lucille Neveu, Robert Peterson, Beverly Ruska, John Ruska, Audrey Schafer, Jeanine Smith, Ted Taft, Russell Valvo.

Hamburg-E. Aurora

42...43 N 78...45 W, center Chestnut Ridge Park. 2 Jan 05; 32...-55...F; AM cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain. Observers: 38; Total party-hours 146.75.

Canada Goose 42; Am. Black Duck 12; Mallard 410; Greater Scaup 5; Red-breasted Merganser 6; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 57; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 9; Red-tailed Hawk 77; Am. Kestrel 2; Bonaparte's Gull 45; Ring-billed Gull 761; Herring Gull 27; Great Black-backed Gull 11; gull sp. 8; Rock Pigeon 548; Mourning Dove 277; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 2; Red-headed Woodpecker 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 23; Downy Woodpecker 104; Hairy Woodpecker 29; No. Flicker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 3; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 109; Am. Crow 1082; Black-capped Chickadee 812; Tufted Titmouse 77; Red-breasted Nuthatch 23; White-breasted Nuthatch 103; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 26; **Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2**; E. Bluebird 20; Am. Robin 236; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 2353; **Am. Pipit 2**; Cedar Waxwing 174; Yellow-rumped Warbler cw; Am. Tree Sparrow 146; Song Sparrow 7; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 14; Dark-eyed Junco 313; No. Cardinal 179; Red-winged Blackbird 5; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 258; finch sp. 38; Pine Siskin 21; Am. Goldfinch 243; House Sparrow 602.

Totals: 57 species (+1 cw); 9,351 individuals. **Sponsor:** Buffalo Audubon Society **Compiler:** Michael Zebehazy. **Participants:** Dr. Robert Andrie, Marion Bee, Don Brasure, Olive Burch, William Burch, Barbara Byron, Richard Byron, Greg Coniglio, Melissa Coniglio, Tom Connare, Ed Crohn, Lewis Crowell, Dr. Robert DeLeon, Michael Galas, Jon Guerin, Mike Hamilton, Doug Happ, Don Harris, Linda Holmes, Morgan Jones, Jr., Richard Kajtoch, Jim Landau, Karen Landau, Paul Lazarus, Paul Lazarus, Jr., Brian Lewandowski, Robert Lipp, Susan O'Donnell, Thomas O'Donnell, James Pawlicki, Edward Ratajczak, Gerry Rising, Dorothy Rosche, Richard Rosche, Mary Ann Stegmeier, Nancy Vigyikan, Paul Vigyikan, Coleen Walsh, Michael Zebehazy.

Jamestown

42...06 N 79...13 W, center Buffalo & Stowe Sts. 19 Dec 2004. 11...-37...F; AM cloudy and heavy snow; PM cloudy and light snow. Observers: 27; Total party-hours 68.

Canada Goose 913; **Mute Swan 2**; Tundra Swan 89; Wood Duck cw; Gadwall 1; Am. Wigeon 4; Am. Black Duck 5; Mallard 437; No. Shoveler 12; No. Pintail cw; Ring-necked Duck 32; Lesser Scaup 10; Bufflehead 24; Co. Goldeneye 49; Hooded Merganser 414; Co. Merganser 143; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 6; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 79; Co. Loon 1; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron 5; Bald Eagle cw; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 3; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 25; Rough-legged Hawk 9; Am. Kestrel 3; Am. Coot 126;

Bonaparte's Gull 35; Ring-billed Gull 1111; Herring Gull 200; Great Black-backed Gull cw; Rock Pigeon 367 (low); Mourning Dove 288; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 6; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 13; Downy Woodpecker 82; Hairy Woodpecker 17; Pileated Woodpecker 5; No. Shrike 5; Blue Jay 96; Am. Crow 1131; Black-capped Chickadee 339; Tufted Titmouse 35; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 56; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 8; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; Am. Robin 5; European Starling 664; **Am. Pipit 1**; Cedar Waxwing 24; Am. Tree Sparrow 218; Song Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 29; No. Cardinal 193; Brown-headed Cowbird 29; Purple Finch 9; House Finch 266; Am. Goldfinch 234; House Sparrow 357.

Totals: 65 species (+4 cw); 8,257 individuals. **Sponsor:** Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Jamestown, NY. **Compilers:** Robert Sundell (19 Chestnut Street, Jamestown, NY 14701) & Ann Beebe. **Participants:** Chad Atwood, Jim Baer, Ann Beebe, James Berry, Seth Berry, Larry Brown, Don Carlson, Leonard DeFrancisco, Heath Eiscle, Joe Fairbank, Donald Greenhouse, Julie Heilman, Margaret Jewett, Nancy Karp, Ranjit Laha, Frances Lapinski, Ruth Lundin, Steven Maggio, Sally Martinez, Richard Miga, Linda O'Brien, Robert Petrolino, Jean Pigman, Bruce E. Robinson, Bruce J. Robinson, Joyce Rose, William Seleen, Mary Shaul, Thomas Simmons, Dick Stineman, Robert Sundell, Robert Ungerer, Donald Watts, John Whittaker.

Niagara Falls

43...10 N79...04 W, center 0.5 mi. nw Queenston. 27 Dec 2004; 12-28F; AM partly cloudy and light snow; PM partly clear. Observers 38; Total party-hours 133.

Canada Goose 1745; **Trumpeter Swan 1** [RI]; Am. Wigeon 13; Am. Black Duck 175; Mallard 683; Canvasback 7; Redhead 8; Ring-necked Duck 20; Greater Scaup 60; Lesser Scaup 2; scaup sp. 15; King Eider 1; Surf Scoter 2; White-winged Scoter 373; Black Scoter 1; Long-tailed Duck **3515**; Bufflehead 184; Co. Goldeneye 244; Hooded Merganser 10; Co. Merganser 1095; Red-breasted Merganser 611; Ruddy Duck 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 6; Wild Turkey 8; Red-throated Loon 4; Co. Loon 2; Horned Grebe 1; Red-necked Grebe 2; No. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 19; Cooper's Hawk 11; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 134; Rough-legged Hawk 12; Am. Kestrel 21; Merlin 1; Bonaparte's Gull 3769; Ring-billed Gull 5184; California Gull 1; Herring Gull 6743; Thayer's Gull 1; Iceland Gull 21; Lesser Black-backed Gull 3; Glaucous Gull 5; Great Black-backed Gull 161; gull sp. 40; Rock Pigeon 826; Mourning Dove 806; E. Screech-Owl 13; Great Horned Owl 2; Short-eared Owl 10; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker **51**; Downy Woodpecker 111; Hairy Woodpecker **33**; No. Flicker 52; No. Shrike 3; Blue Jay 388; Am. Crow 226; Horned Lark **205**; Black-capped Chickadee 549; Tufted Titmouse 12; Red-breasted Nuthatch 29; White-breasted Nuthatch 53; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 12; Winter Wren 6; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 21; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin **2865**; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 50; European Starling 5715; Cedar Waxwing 22; Yellow-rumped Warbler 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 709; **Lark Sparrow 1** [ND]; Song Sparrow 33; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 109; White-crowned Sparrow 29; Dark-eyed Junco 769; Snow Bunting 62; No. Cardinal 278; Red-winged Blackbird 4; Co. Grackle 4; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 1062; Co. Redpoll 3; Pine Siskin 16; Am. Goldfinch 392; House Sparrow 2517.

Totals: 91 species; 43,008 individuals. **Compiler:** Kayo Roy, 13 Kinsman Court, Fonthill, ON, CANADA L0S 1E3. **Participants:** Rhonda Armstrong, John Black, Drew Campbell, Willie D Anna, Janet Damude, Robert DeLeon, Rob Dobos, Jerry Farrell, Andy Guthrie, Doug Happ, Jean Iron, Mark Jennings, Orest Leshchyshyn, Kevin McLaughlin,

John Miles, Don Mills, Gisele Mills, Mark Morgante, Mike Morgante, Susan O Donnell, Thomas O Donnell, Betsy Potter, Don Roberson, Nick Sly, Maggie Smiley, John Stevens, Mike Zebehazy.

Oak Orchard Swamp

43...08 N78...22 W, center jct. Genesee-Orleans Co. line & Hwy 63. 27 Dec 04; 12-16F; AM: clear; PM clear. Observers: 22; Total party-hours 87.5.

Canada Goose 968; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 3; Mallard 30; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 87; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 67; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 8; Ring-billed Gull 71; Herring Gull 11; Rock Pigeon 315; Mourning Dove 544; E. Screech-Owl 17; Great Horned Owl 3; Short-eared Owl 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 56; Downy Woodpecker 140; Hairy Woodpecker 23; No. Flicker 8; Pileated Woodpecker 3; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 182; Am. Crow 386; Horned Lark 480; Black-capped Chickadee 459; Tufted Titmouse 18; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 67; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 1; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 13; E. Bluebird 8; Am. Robin 4; European Starling 1296; Cedar Waxwing 39; Am. Tree Sparrow 922; **Savannah Sparrow** 1; Song Sparrow 19; Swamp Sparrow 17; White-throated Sparrow 8; White-crowned Sparrow 3; Dark-eyed Junco 312; Lapland Longspur 8; Snow Bunting 972; No. Cardinal 192; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 104; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 328; House Sparrow 908.

Totals: 58 Species; 9154 individuals. **Compiler:** Gail Seamans (2602 Main, P. O. Box 158, East Pembroke, NY 14056). **Participants:** Douglas Beattie, Donald Brasure, Kurt Fox, Mike Galas, Jack Hartwig, Gerald Lazarczyk, Robert Lipp, Jane Mason, Max Mason, Mahlon Miller, Mike Morgante, Mark Morgante, Celeste Morian, Alan Nice, James Ochterski, Odmund Olsen, Gerry Rising, Nate Schlabach, Gail Seamans, Paula Stone, Mike Turisk, Michael Vickner.

Scio

42...10 N78...04 W, center Rte 31A, 2 mi. w Scio. 18 Dec 2004; 15...-32...F; AM: partly cloudy; PM: partly cloudy. Observers: 14; Total party-hours: 40.

Canada Goose 45; Mallard 68; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 3; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 27; Great Blue Heron 2; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 19; Rough-legged Hawk 6; Ring-billed Gull 76; Herring Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 125; Mourning Dove 114; Red-bellied Woodpecker 4; Downy Woodpecker 17; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 4; Blue Jay 95; Am. Crow 342; Co. Raven 8; Black-capped Chickadee 181; Tufted Titmouse 9; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 18; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 306; Cedar Waxwing 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 70; Song Sparrow 7; White-throated Sparrow 6; Dark-eyed Junco 164; No. Cardinal 25; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Purple Finch 36; House Finch 38; Am. Goldfinch 89; Evening Grosbeak 1; House Sparrow 78.

Totals: 42 species; 2014 individuals. **Sponsor:** Allegany County Bird Club **Compiler:** Doris Burton (5 John St., Belmont, NY 14813-1116). **Participants:** Russell Allen, Elizabeth Brooks, Steven Chaffee, Paul Culley, Peter Finlay, Theresa Finlay, Walt Franklin, Norman Ives, Ann King, Anne Pipal, Robert Pipal, Vivian Pitzrick, Bruce Smalley, Robert Smalley.

St. Bonaventure

42...06 N 78...29 W, center 2 mi. n St. Bonaventure Univ. 18 Dec 2004; 24...-34...F; AM: cloudy; PM: cloudy. Observers: 9; Total party-hours: 45.0.

Canada Goose 103; Am. Black Duck 1; Mallard 63; Co. Merganser 45; Bald Eagle 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 21; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 1; Herring Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 328; Mourning Dove 214; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 17; Hairy Woodpecker 5; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 91; Am. Crow 169; Co. Raven 3; Black-capped Chickadee 249; Tufted Titmouse 23; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 38; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 2; European Starling 279; Am. Tree Sparrow 98; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 1; Dark-eyed Junco 217; No. Cardinal 37; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 20; Am. Goldfinch 64; House Sparrow 205.

Totals: 38 species; 2323 individuals. **Sponsor:** Cattaraugus County Bird Club. **Compiler:** Regina VanScoy (5557 Nichols Run, Limestone, NY 14753-9714). **Participants:** Tim Baird, Michael DeSha, Stephen Eaton, Jeff McMullen, Madeline Miles, Jeff Reed, James VanScoy, Regina VanScoy, Anne Vogt.

Wilson Lake Plains

43...14 N 78...40 W. 18 Dec 2004; 18...-40...F; AM: clear; PM: partly cloudy. Observers: 17; Total party-hours: 66.5.

Canada Goose 1751; Mute Swan 1; Am. Black Duck 1; Mallard 100; Redhead 30; Greater Scaup 157; Lesser Scaup 523; Surf Scoter 3; White-winged Scoter **1386**; Black Scoter 3; Long-tailed Duck 105; Bufflehead 43; Co. Goldeneye 188; Co. Merganser 117; Red-breasted Merganser **1321**; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 13; Red-throated Loon 45; Horned Grebe 11; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 6; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 49; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 11; Bonaparte's Gull 166; Ring-billed Gull 611; Herring Gull 332; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 85; Rock Pigeon 218; Mourning Dove 511; E. Screech-Owl 17; Great Horned Owl 8; Barred Owl 1; Long-eared Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 3; **Boreal Owl 1** (ND); No. Saw-whet Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 22; Downy Woodpecker 35; Hairy Woodpecker 6; No. Flicker 14; No. Shrike 4; Blue Jay 149; Am. Crow 155; Horned Lark 44; Black-capped Chickadee 157; Tufted Titmouse 2; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 16; Carolina Wren 3; Winter Wren cw; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 3; Am. Robin 57; No. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 3596; Cedar Waxwing 42; Am. Tree Sparrow 118; Chipping Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 4; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 32; White-crowned Sparrow 2; Dark-eyed Junco 181; Snow Bunting 26; No. Cardinal 59; House Finch 38; Pine Siskin 53; Am. Goldfinch 208; House Sparrow 618.

Totals: 72 species (+1 cw); 13490 individuals. **Compiler:** Garner Light (8794 Chestnut Ridge Road, Gasport, NY 14067). **Participants:** Linda Arndt, Robert Ensminger, Brett Ewald, Scott Gabbey, Tim Horst, Jacqueline Isgro, Patricia Kornaker, Garner Light, Paula Losito, Sue Phillips, Edward Ratajczak, Chuck Rosenburg, Nick Sly, Sally Uzunov, Robert Wagner, Tony Wagner.

Region 2—Genesee

Conesus-Hemlock-Honeoye Lakes

42...47 N 77...37 W, center Hemlock Lake Outlet. 2 Jan 2005; 28...46... F; AM: partly clear; PM: partly clear. Observers: 37; Total party hours: 108.

Snow Goose 2; Canada Goose 2365; Tundra Swan 23; Gadwall 4; Am. Wigeon 2; Am. Black Duck 44; Mallard 574; N. Pintail 2; Canvasback 4; Redhead 5574; Ring-necked Duck 56; Greater Scaup 42; Lesser Scaup 351; Bufflehead 8; Co. Goldeneye 189; Hooded Merganser 4; Co. Merganser 77; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 5; Co. Loon 2; Horned Grebe 1; **Red-necked Grebe 1**; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 1; N. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 5; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 62; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Am. Kestrel 5; Am. Coot 21; Ring-billed Gull 84; Herring Gull 177; Rock Pigeon 377; Mourning Dove 115; **Barn Owl 1** (ND); E. Screech-Owl 24; Great Horned Owl 4; **Snowy Owl 1**; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 42; Downy Woodpecker 84; Hairy Woodpecker 18; Yellow-shafted N. Flicker 18; Pileated Woodpecker 9; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 175; Am. Crow 1510; **Co. Raven 2**; Horned Lark 3; Black-capped Chickadee 763; Tufted Titmouse 45; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 77; Brown Creeper 11; Carolina Wren 7; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 19; E. Bluebird 8; N. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 2244; Cedar Waxwing 60; **Co. Yellowthroat 2**; Am. Tree Sparrow 103; Song Sparrow 10; Swamp Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 26; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 142; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 156; N. Cardinal 135; House Finch 85; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 290; House Sparrow 246.

Total: 77 species. **Compiler:** Robert G. McKinney. **Participants:** Randy Baker, Doug Bassett, John Boettcher, Doug Daniels, Mike Davids, Peter Debes, Jon Dombrowski, Peter Dombrowski, Judy Gurley, Thomas Hampson, Jack Hartwig, Diane Henderson, Jim Kimball, Gary Klue, John Lehr, Cindy Marino, Pat Martin, Robert Mauceli, Sandra Mauceli, Chita McKinney, Phillip Opdycke, Norma Platt, Al Price, David Prill, Jan Salstrom, Jeanne Skelly, Pat Smith, Tom Smith, Cathy Spahn, Robert Spahn, Susan Spahn, David Strong, David Tetlow, Don Traver, Donna Traver, Kinsley Whittum.

Letchworth-Silver Lake

42...45 N 78...00 W, center jct. Rtes. 20A & 246. 18 Dec 2004; 20...35... F; AM: cloudy; PM: partly clear. Observers: 15; Total party hours: 78.5.

Snow Goose 6; Canada Goose 15194; Gadwall 6; Am. Black Duck 32; Mallard 381; N. Pintail 2; Ring-necked Duck 57; Lesser Scaup 1; Bufflehead 11; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 218; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Wild Turkey 14; Co. Loon 1; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 1; N. Harrier 12; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-tailed Hawk 39; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Am. Kestrel 8; Am. Coot 2; Ring-billed Gull 216; Herring Gull 26; Rock Pigeon 807; Mourning Dove 291; E. Screech-Owl 12; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 30; Downy Woodpecker 62; Hairy Woodpecker 18; Yellow-shafted N. Flicker 14; Pileated Woodpecker 15; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 136; Am. Crow 1043; Horned Lark 38; Black-capped Chickadee 327; Tufted Titmouse 42; Red-breasted Nuthatch 11; White-breasted Nuthatch 54; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 22; E. Bluebird 4; Am. Robin 24; N. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 13865; Am. Pipit cw; Cedar Waxwing 190; **Co. Yellowthroat 1**; Am. Tree Sparrow 262; Field Sparrow 1;

Song Sparrow 14; Swamp Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 19; E. White-crowned Sparrow 21; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 247; Snow Bunting 604; N. Cardinal 105; Red-winged Blackbird 53; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 102; Co. Redpoll cw; Am. Goldfinch 136; House Sparrow 278.

Total: 68 species. **Sponsor:** Genesee Valley Audubon Society. **Compilers:** Douglass Bassett & Jeanne Skelly. **Participants:** Douglass Bassett, Chelsea Coogan-Bassett, Don Felix, Maureen Felix, Kurt Fox, Ken Fuller, Jim Kimball, Carl Kunze, Hans Kunze, Pat Martin, Thomas Pedlow, Jeanne Skelly, Sharon Skelly, Steph Spittle, Irene Szabo, David Tetlow, Don Traver, Donna Traver.

Rochester

43... 13 N 77... 39 W, center Dewey Ave. & Stone Rd. 19 Dec 2004; 6...-36... F; AM: cloudy, light rain, light snow; PM: cloudy, light snow. Observers: 50; Total party hours: 115.25.

Canada Goose 2319; Mute Swan 241; Trumpeter Swan 2; Tundra Swan 18; Gadwall 17; Am. Black Duck 58; Mallard 1500; N. Shoveler 3; N. Pintail 11; Am. Green-winged Teal cw; Redhead 111; Ring-necked Duck 4; Greater Scaup 104; Lesser Scaup 384; White-winged Scoter 8; Black Scoter 3; Long-tailed Duck 6; Bufflehead 105; Co. Goldeneye 379; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 115; Red-breasted Merganser 117; Wild Turkey 43; Co. Loon 2; Horned Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 13; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle cw; N. Harrier cw; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 13; Rough-legged Hawk cw; Am. Kestrel 1; Bonaparte's Gull 1097; Ring-billed Gull 9092; Herring Gull 288; Great Black-backed Gull 208; gull sp. 14; Rock Pigeon 406; Mourning Dove 248; E. Screech-Owl 23; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 56; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 108; Hairy Woodpecker 46; Yellow-shafted N. Flicker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 6; N. Shrike cw; Blue Jay 60; Am. Crow 439; Black-capped Chickadee 350; Tufted Titmouse 57; Red-breasted Nuthatch 12; White-breasted Nuthatch 55; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 1; Winter Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 8; Am. Robin 866; N. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 1152; Cedar Waxwing 84; Am. Tree Sparrow 111; Song Sparrow 9; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 79; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 108; N. Cardinal 323; Red-winged Blackbird 3; House Finch 374; Pine Siskin 7; Am. Goldfinch 238; House Sparrow 1490.

Total: 72 species. **Sponsors:** Genesee Ornithological Society & Rochester Birding Association. **Compilers:** Gerhard Leubner & Robert Spahn. **Participants:** David Atwater, Jessie Barry, Jim Barry, Douglas Bassett, Mat Belanger, Fred Beltz, Julie Beltz, Carolyn Cass, Gary Chapin, Kathleen Dalton, Peter Debes, Robert Dobson, Jon Dombrowski, Cricket Fegan, William Gillette, Jay Greenberg, Kevin Griffith, Lucretia Grosshans, Philip Hahn, Jack Hartwig, Gary Klue, John Lehr, Gerhard Leubner, David Levy, Bob Marcotte, Cindy Marino, Patricia Martin, Richard Mather, Chita McKinney, Robert McKinney, Ferne Merrille, Randi Minetor, John Olson, Thomas Painting, Peter Perkins, Carolyn Regan, Helen Rice, Shirley Shaw, Dominic Sherony, Pat Smith, Tom Smith, Robert Spahn, Susan Spahn, David Strong, Jerry Sullivan, David Tetlow, Mike Tetlow, Donald Traver, Donna Traver, Kinsley Whittum.

Region 3—Finger Lakes

Corning

42...6 N 77...8 W; center jct. of Scott Rd. and Conrail tracks; 18 Dec 04; 14...-37... F; Snow cover 0; AM cloudy; PM light rain, clear. Observers 9(9); Total party hours 42.5.

Canada Goose 763; Am. Black Duck 37; Mallard 641; Hooded Merganser 12; Co. Merganser 33; Wild Turkey 1 (low); Great Blue Heron 1; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 8; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1 (low); Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 55; Rough-legged Hawk 12; Am. Kestrel 1 (low); Ring-billed Gull 55; Herring Gull 5 (low); Rock Pigeon 653; Mourning Dove 118; E. Screech-Owl 3; Great Horned Owl 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 6; Downy Woodpecker 30; Hairy Woodpecker 4; No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 5; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 78 (low); Am. Crow 898; Co. Raven 13; Horned Lark 35; Black-capped Chickadee 237; Tufted Titmouse 40; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 31; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 12; No. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 249; Cedar Waxwing 52; Am. Tree Sparrow 91; Song Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow 7; **White-crowned Sparrow** 1; Dark-eyed Junco 236; No. Cardinal 56; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 42 (low); Am. Goldfinch 81; House Sparrow 44 (low).

Totals: 51 Species; 4683 individuals. **Sponsor:** Chemung Valley Audubon. **Compiler:** Dave Russell. **Participants:** Jim Ochterski, Bill Ostrander, Joan Ostrander, Mary Passage, Dave Russell, Vi Savard, Roger Sleeper, Alice Smith, Graham Wightman.

Elmira

42...8 N 76...50 W; center Camden Ave. due east of n.e. corner of Mark Twain Golf Course; 1 Jan 05; 31...-43... F; Snow cover 0; AM partly cloudy; PM clear. Observers 16(16); Total party hours 153.0.

Canada Goose 950; **Wood Duck** 1; Am. Black Duck 31; Mallard 258; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 23; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 1; **Bald Eagle** 1; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; **No. Goshawk** 1; Red-tailed Hawk 61; Rough-legged Hawk 12; Am. Kestrel 8; Merlin 2; Great Blue Heron 5; Ring-billed Gull 447; Herring Gull 49; Iceland Gull cw; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 1438; Mourning Dove 232; E. Screech-Owl 19; Great Horned Owl 5; **Short-eared Owl** 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 16; Downy Woodpecker 58; Hairy Woodpecker 8; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 99; Am. Crow 856; Fish Crow 2; Co. Raven 12; Horned Lark 7; Black-capped Chickadee 427; Tufted Titmouse 43; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 65; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 9; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 6; Am. Robin 5; No. Mockingbird 10; European Starling 1308; Cedar Waxwing 39; Am. Tree Sparrow 84; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 33; Dark-eyed Junco 211; No. Cardinal 87; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 164; Am. Goldfinch 87; House Sparrow 157 (low).

Totals: 60 species; 7390 individuals. **Sponsor:** Chemung Valley Audubon. **Compiler:** Dave Russell. **Participants:** Marty Borko, Dick Clements, Brett Hoffman, Jeff Holbrook, Helen Knapp, Doris Long, Joe Long, Bill Ostrander, Joan Ostrander, Dave Russell, Joan Scrocarelli, Roger Sleeper, Gil Weakland, Bill Welles, Carl Wood, June Wood.

Geneva

42...52 N 76...59 W; center Geneva; 2 Jan 05; 30...40... F; Snow cover 0; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers 22(22); Total party hours 63.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 30706; Gadwall 6; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 173; Mallard 534; No. Pintail 9; Redhead 7; Greater Scaup cw; Lesser Scaup cw; Black Scoter cw; Bufflehead 4; Co. Goldeneye 260; **Barrow's Goldeneye cw**; Co. Merganser 15; Ruddy Duck cw; Wild Turkey 5; Great Blue Heron 1; No. Harrier 9; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 34; Am. Kestrel 5; Am. Coot 10; Ring-billed Gull 697; Herring Gull 137; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 52; Rock Pigeon 672; Mourning Dove 83; Great Horned Owl 1; **Snowy Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 6; Downy Woodpecker 15; Hairy Woodpecker 2; No. Flicker 2; Blue Jay 54; Am. Crow 2380; Horned Lark 28; Black-capped Chickadee 160; Tufted Titmouse 13; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 26; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 21; Am. Robin 52; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 3634; Cedar Waxwing 30; Am. Tree Sparrow 19; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow cw; Dark-eyed Junco 80; No. Cardinal 31; Purple Finch cw; House Finch 70; Am. Goldfinch 130; House Sparrow 365.

Totals: 62 species; 40,566 individuals. **Sponsor:** Eaton Birding Society. **Compiler:** Lisa Blackman. **Participants:** Linda Benedict, Steve Benedict, Kenneth Blackman, Lisa Blackman, Jim Blankenberg, Gary Calabrese, Lynn Donaldson, Bob Guthrie, Julie Horton, Dr. Lansing Hoskins, Patience Hoskins, Lyn Jacobs, Leona Lauster, Heather Leon, Debbie McNaughton, Gene Parsons, Brian Perkins, Doloras Perkins, Charlie Rouse, Carol Slattery, Dave Spier, Lynda Stanistreet.

Ithaca

42...27 N 76...27 W; center jct. of Turkey Hill Rd. & Mt. Pleasant Rd.; 1 Jan 05; 30...-37... F; Snow cover 0. Observers 103(2); Total party hours 203.0.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 6204; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 38; Mallard 581; Canvasback 10; Redhead 301; Ring-necked Duck 6; Greater Scaup 4; Lesser Scaup 1; **White-winged Scoter 1**; Bufflehead 2; Co. Goldeneye 52; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 14; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 35; Co. Loon 22; Double-crested Cormorant 3; Great Blue Heron cw; **Turkey Vulture 1**; **Bald Eagle 3**; No. Harrier 6; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 130; Rough-legged Hawk 10; Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 351; Ring-billed Gull 531; Herring Gull 254; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 2**; Great Black-backed Gull 63; Rock Pigeon 1298; Mourning Dove 396; E. Screech-Owl 9; Great Horned Owl 11; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 90; Downy Woodpecker 273; Hairy Woodpecker 84; No. Flicker 13; Pileated Woodpecker 26; No. Shrike 4; Blue Jay 270; Am. Crow 2242; Fish Crow 19; Co. Raven 6; Horned Lark 25; Black-capped Chickadee 2738; Tufted Titmouse 300; Red-breasted Nuthatch 35; White-breasted Nuthatch 360; Brown Creeper 27; Carolina Wren 7; Golden-crowned Kinglet 39; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 55; Am. Robin 129; No. Mockingbird 12; European Starling 3897; Cedar Waxwing 370; Am. Tree Sparrow 261; Song Sparrow 24; Swamp Sparrow 7; White-throated Sparrow 99; Dark-eyed Junco 425; Snow Bunting 70; No. Cardinal 251; Red-winged Blackbird cw; Purple Finch 37; House Finch 333; Am. Goldfinch 303; Evening Grosbeak 2; House Sparrow 749.

Totals: 78 species; 23,950 individuals. **Sponsor:** Cayuga Bird Club. **Compilers:** Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan.

Montezuma

43...N76...44 W; center confluence of Cayuga-Seneca & Barge Canals; 2 Jan 05; 32...-43... F; Snow cover 0 ; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers 34(34); Total party hours 134.

Snow Goose **431**; Canada Goose **41817**; Mute Swan 1; Trumpeter Swan cw; Tundra Swan 535; Wood Duck 11; Gadwall 18; Am. Black Duck 1439; Mallard 1933; No. Pintail 39; Canvasback 1; Redhead 2; **Ring-necked Duck 1**; Greater Scaup 1; Bufflehead 2; Co. Goldeneye 31; Hooded Merganser 2; Co. Merganser 39; Red-breasted Merganser 2; **Double-crested Cormorant 1**; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 41; Great Blue Heron 26; Bald Eagle 10; No. Harrier 22; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 71; Rough-legged Hawk 13; Am. Kestrel 4; Am. Coot cw; Ring-billed Gull 749; Herring Gull **2418**; Iceland Gull 2; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; **Glaucous Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 138; Rock Pigeon 619; Mourning Dove 216; E. Screech-Owl 9; Great Horned Owl 8; Barred Owl 1; **No. Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 31; Downy Woodpecker 51; Hairy Woodpecker 18; No. Flicker 21; Pileated Woodpecker 6; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 110; Am. Crow 4844; Black-capped Chickadee 412; Tufted Titmouse 30; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 58; Brown Creeper 17; Carolina Wren 4; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 26; Am. Robin 75; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 3887; Cedar Waxwing 236; Co. Yellowthroat 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 469; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 24; Swamp Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 61; Dark-eyed Junco 112; Snow Bunting 139; No. Cardinal 142; Red-winged Blackbird 8; **Yellow-headed Blackbird 1 (MD)**; Brown-headed Cowbird 6; House Finch 90; Co. Redpoll cw; Am. Goldfinch 208; House Sparrow 206.

Totals: 81 species; 61,983 individuals. **Compilers:** Bill Purcell, Matt Victoria, Chris Tessaglia-Hymes. **Participants:** Sue Boettger, Karen Burns, Jill Byington, Gary Chapin, Mary Clark, Mike Cuhna, Paul Doherty, Susan Fondy, Nora Freeberg, Fred Gillette, Bill Gruenbaum, Asher Hockett, Jeff Holbrook, W. Larry Hymes, Ward Krkoska, Tom Lathrop, Tim Lenz, Martin Mau, Bob McGuire, Nick Polato, Helen Penna, Lon Penna, Jim Rink, Ann Robson, Jon Robson, Dave Russell, Catherine Sandell, Mickey Scilingo, Jean Siracusa, Chris Tessaglia-Hymes, Donna Trumble, Walter Trumble, John Van Niel, C. Robyn Warn.

Watkins Glen

42...22 N76...52 W; center Franklin & Fourth Sts.; 26 Dec 04; 20...-24... F; Snow cover 0 ; AM clear; PM cloudy. Observers 5(5); Total party hours 19.

Canada Goose 1149; **Trumpeter Swan 1** (ph,RI); Wood Duck 3; Gadwall 9; Am. Wigeon cw; Am. Black Duck 15; Mallard 336; Redhead 99; Ring-necked Duck cw; Greater Scaup 3; **Long-tailed Duck 2**; Bufflehead 17; Co. Goldeneye 10; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 5; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 110; Pied-billed Grebe 9; Great Blue Heron 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 34; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Am. Kestrel 1; Am. Coot 255; **Bonaparte's Gull 2 (ND)**; Ring-billed Gull 712; Herring Gull 329; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 845; Mourning Dove 80; Great Horned Owl 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 17; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 48; Hairy Woodpecker 9; No. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker 5; Blue Jay 84; Am. Crow 626; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark 59; Black-capped Chickadee 235; Tufted Titmouse 39; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 50; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet cw; E. Bluebird 21; Am. Robin **223**; **Gray Catbird 1**; No. Mockingbird 4; European Starling 2062; Cedar Waxwing 496; Am. Tree Sparrow 103; Song Sparrow 2; White-throated

Sparrow 39; Dark-eyed Junco 243; Snow Bunting 30; No. Cardinal 90; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 7; Purple Finch 13; House Finch 96; Co. Redpoll 2; Am. Goldfinch 150; House Sparrow 77.

Totals: 66 species; 8901 individuals. **Compiler:** Jack Brubaker. **Participants:** Jack Brubaker, Ed Gates, Dave Russell, Mark Russell, Matt Russell.

Region 4-Susquehanna

Binghamton

42...11'N 75...58' W, center jct Reynolds & E Maine Rds. 26 Dec 04; 14...-25... F; AM partly clear; PM cloudy. Observers: 28; Total party hours 97

Brant 1; Canada Goose 1194; Mute Swan 2; Am. Black Duck 60; Mallard 818; **Ring-necked Duck 1;** Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 105; Ring-necked Pheasant 4; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 147; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 6; Bald Eagle 4; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 59; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 3; **Peregrine Falcon 2;** Ring-billed Gull 19; Herring Gull 116; Rock Pigeon 1868; Mourning Dove 418; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 9; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 7; Downy Woodpecker 115; Hairy Woodpecker 44; No. Flicker 4; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 140; Am. Crow 1013; **Co. Raven 2;** Black-capped Chickadee 826; Tufted Titmouse 164; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 115; Brown Creeper 12; Carolina Wren 18; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 16; Am. Robin 23; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 1603; Cedar Waxwing 137; Am. Tree Sparrow 62; Song Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 13; Dark-eyed Junco 250; No. Cardinal 128; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 385; Pine Siskin 6; Am. Goldfinch 174; House Sparrow 1073.

Totals: 57 species; 11,211 individuals. **Compiler:** Gail Kirch. **Participants:** Richard Andrus, Bruce Bozdos, Eleanor Carson, Fran Czochara, Helen Dorber, Deanna France, Robert Grajewski, Sara Kinch, Sharon Krotzer, Thomas Lathrop, John Maerz, Harriet Marsi, Marjorie Miller, Donald O'Brien, Sandy Olshefski, Marie Petuh, Joseph Sedlacek, Julian Shepherd, Barry Stevens, Sue Stevens, Thomas Tasber, Claire Theophanis, Jan Trzeciak, Linda Vick, Joel Weeks, Jon Weeks, Karita dos Santos.

Cortland

42...40'N 76...16' W, center Cortland-Cayuga Co. line, 0.75 mi Rte 41A. 18 Dec 04; 0...-35... F; AM partly cloudy; PM clear. Observers: 22; Total party hours 65.

Canada Goose 1331; Am. Black Duck 25; Mallard 380; Ring-necked Duck 38; Greater Scaup 2; Bufflehead 16; Co. Goldeneye 43; Hooded Merganser 19; Co. Merganser 63; Ruddy Duck 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 16; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 48; Rough-legged Hawk 8; **Golden Eagle 1;** **Merlin 1;** Ring-billed Gull 836; Herring Gull 301; Great Black-backed Gull 249; Rock Pigeon 588; Mourning Dove 243; Great Horned Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 57; Hairy Woodpecker 14; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 2; **E. Phoebe 1;** No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 146; Am. Crow 1556; Co. Raven 4; Horned Lark 90; Black-capped Chickadee 617; Tufted Titmouse 32; Red-breasted Nuthatch 40; White-breasted Nuthatch 44; Brown Creeper 5; Golden-crowned Kinglet 17; E. Bluebird 1; Am. Robin 2; European Starling 1577; Cedar Waxwing 83; Am. Tree Sparrow 138; Song Sparrow 1; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 8;

Dark-eyed Junco 237; Snow Bunting 245; No. Cardinal 60; Red-winged Blackbird 3; Brown-headed Cowbird 10; Purple Finch 14; House Finch 221; Co. Redpoll 4; Am. Goldfinch 260; House Sparrow 262

Totals: 61 species; 9,991 individuals. **Sponsor:** Lime Hollow Nature Center. **Compiler:** Matthew Young. **Participants:** James Barry, Gail Benedict, Steve Broyles, Ryan Butryn, Linda Christie, John Gustafson, Steve Kelling, Jay McGowan, Kevin McGowan, Tim Lenz, James McKenna, Bobbi Monroe, Carol Navarro, Anne Pellegrini, Bard Prentiss, Gina Prentiss, Ken Rosenberg, Julie Siler, Earnest Spainhower, Bill Toner, Les Wedge, Matthew Young.

Oneonta

42... 33' N 74... 59' W, center nr Milford. 18 Dec 04; 4...-31... F; AM cloudy; PM clear. Observers: 19; Total party hours 42.

Canada Goose 345; Am. Black Duck 3; Mallard 63; Co. Merganser 7; Ruffed Grouse 3; Wild Turkey 238; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; No. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 20; Rough-legged Hawk 2; **Golden Eagle 2** (ND); Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 11; Rock Pigeon 351; Mourning Dove 265; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 5; Barred Owl 1; No. **Saw-whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 60; Hairy Woodpecker 21; Pileated Woodpecker 1; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 178; Am. Crow 520; **Co. Raven 1**; Black-capped Chickadee 596; Tufted Titmouse 57; Red-breasted Nuthatch 15; White-breasted Nuthatch 60; Brown Creeper 1; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; European Starling 647; Cedar Waxwing 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 46; Song Sparrow 3; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 137; Snow Bunting 5; No. Cardinal 36; Purple Finch 11; House Finch 82; Co. Redpoll 1; Am. Goldfinch 152; House Sparrow 51.

Totals: 49 species; 4026 individuals. **Compiler:** J. Robert Miller. **Participants:** Elliot Adams, Dianne Benko, Cheryl Boise, Gerianne Carillo, Rod Carter, Frances Darrah, John Davis, Bob Donnelly, Cherylyn Greiner, Elma Holway, Gary Holway, Marion Karl, Eric Knight, Barbara Marsala, Andy Mason, J. Robert Miller, Jean Miller, Betty New, Sandra Perry, Charles Scheim.

Owego

42... 07' N 76... 21' W, center 0.5 mi e of Dubois Rd. 31 Dec 04; 40...-50... F; AM partly cloudy, light rain; PM cloudy, light rain. Observers: 18; Total party hours 59.

Canada Goose 1349; Am. Black Duck 14; Mallard 56; Co. Merganser 10; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 58; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; **Turkey Vulture 1**; **Bald Eagle 1**; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 52; Rough-legged Hawk 14; Am. Kestrel 3; Ring-billed Gull 7; Herring Gull 6; Rock Pigeon 827; Mourning Dove 322; Great Horned Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 11; Downy Woodpecker 54; Hairy Woodpecker 16; **No. Flicker 1**; Pileated Woodpecker 2; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 106; Am. Crow 849; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 30; Black-capped Chickadee 414; Tufted Titmouse 71; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 73; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 3; E. Bluebird 1; Am. Robin 21; European Starling 1635; Cedar Waxwing 80; Am. Tree Sparrow 16; White-throated Sparrow 5; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 197; No. Cardinal 67; Purple Finch 24; House Finch 73; Am. Goldfinch 116; House Sparrow 479

Totals: 50 species; 7,090 individuals. **Compiler:** Rita Pantle. **Participants:** Cutler Baldwin, Jeannette Baldwin, Jean Barnes, Lois Bingley, Martin Borko, Anne

Cooke, Spencer Hunt, Diane Krein, Evelyn Mead, Ron Milliken, Tom Morse, Rita Pantle, Robert Pantle, George Wade, Don Weber, Joanne Weber, Anne Whitaker, Colleen Wolpert.

Sherburne

42...41'N 75...30' W, center jct Rtes 80 & 12. 16 Dec 04; 12...-34... F; AM cloudy; PM clear. Observers: 22; Total party-hours 56.

Canada Goose 1649; Wood Duck 4; Am. Black Duck 2; Mallard 54; Co. Merganser 3; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 183; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 46; Rough-legged Hawk 17; Am. Kestrel 2; Herring Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 1164; Mourning Dove 324; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 3; Downy Woodpecker 46; Hairy Woodpecker 13; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 86; Am. Crow 1024; Horned Lark 28; Black-capped Chickadee 354; Tufted Titmouse 17; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 36; Brown Creeper 3; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; European Starling 2452; Am. Tree Sparrow 48; White-throated Sparrow 2; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 120; Snow Bunting 171; No. Cardinal 40; Red-winged Blackbird 3; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; Purple Finch 52; House Finch 49; Am. Goldfinch 189; House Sparrow 80

Totals: 56 species; 8,303 individuals. **Compiler:** Donald Windsor and Fred vonMechow. **Participants:** John Bowen, Laura Carey, Jim Davis, Christina DeCesare, Erica Dennis, Jim Dennis, Anne Geary, John Graham, Esther Graves, Marsha Guzewich, John Knapp, Terry McNeil, Christopher Olds, Greg Reuter, Linda Reuter, Nigel Seddon, Valerie Sifleet, Arnie Sio, Dorothy Sio, Donald Windsor, Fred von Mechow, Patricia von Mechow.

Region 5—Oneida Lake Basin

Clinton

43; 08 N 75; 33 W, center jct. Rts. 5 & 5A, New Hartford. Dec 18, 2004; 7 am to 4:30 pm; Temp 10; to 34; F. Wind calm, Snow cover 0-2. Still water partly open. Moving water open. AM cloudy. PM partly cloudy. Observers: 29 in 13-15 parties and 2 at feeders (non-owling); 6 hours and 61.5 miles owling. Total party-hours 91; party-miles 715.5; 24 hours and 26 miles on foot; 67 hours and 689.5 miles by car.

Canada Goose 2616; Mallard 184; Com. Merganser 10; Ring-necked Pheasant 3; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 90; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 3; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 77; Rough-legged Hawk 8; **Peregrine Falcon** 1; Ring-billed Gull 134; Herring Gull 7; Mourning Dove 292; Red-bellied Woodpecker 15; Downy Woodpecker 77; Hairy Woodpecker 27; N. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 6; N. Shrike 5; Blue Jay 151; Am. Crow 4023; Horned Lark 209; Black-capped Chickadee 424; Tufted Titmouse 62; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 62; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren CW; Golden-crowned Kinglet 5; Am. Robin 188; European Starling 3778; Cedar Waxwing 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 239; Song Sparrow 1; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 21; Dark-eyed Junco 141; Snow Bunting 422; No. Cardinal 126; Red-winged Blackbird CW; E. Meadowlark 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 96; Co. Redpoll 8; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 228; House Sparrow 406; Rock Pigeon 1413.

Totals: 50 species; 15588 individuals. **Compilers:** Matthew Perry & Sheila Smith. **Participants:** Carol Adams; Betty Armbruster; Henry Bamberger; Brenda Best; Virginia Billings; Megan Faville; Marcia Garber; Tom Garber; Steve Hall; Steve Heerkens; Jody Hildreth; Patricia Kuhn; Stacy Kuhn; Judy McIntyre; Pat McIntyre; Frank Perretta; Gail Perretta; Matt Perry; Matthew Perry; Debby Quayle; Ian Rosenstein; Cheri Sassman; Robert Smith; Sheila Smith; Sheila Smith; Arlene Somer; Ken Szczesniak; Faith Thompson; Doreen Walch; Ernest Williams; Larry Yox.

New Woodstock

42...85 N 75...81 W, center is center of Tioughnioga WMA. Dec 19, 2004 Start time 7:15 am end time 4:30 pm, wind NW, 5-15 mph. Snow cover 3-8 inches; Still water mostly frozen; moving water partly frozen; Observers: 9 in 7 parties + 1 at feeders (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling; Total party hours 32.75; party miles 438.8; 5 hours and 4.8 miles on foot; 27.75 hours and 434 miles by car.

Snow Goose 2; Canada Goose **4810**; Am. Black Duck 26; Mallard 145; Ring-necked Duck CW; Bufflehead CW; Com. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser CW; Ring-necked Pheasant CW; Ruffed Grouse 9; Wild Turkey 93; **Horned Grebe cw**; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 11; Rough-legged Hawk 5; Ring-billed Gull 26; Herring Gull 5; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 178; Mourning Dove 146; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl CW; **Red-headed Woodpecker 1**; Red-bellied Woodpecker 8; Downy Woodpecker 38; Hairy Woodpecker 12; N. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker CW; N. Shrike CW; Blue Jay 103; Am. Crow 337; Com. Raven 2; Horned Lark 42; Black-capped Chickadee 367; Tufted Titmouse **14**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 7; White-breasted Nuthatch 15; Brown Creeper CW; **Carolina Wren 2**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; Am. Robin 19; European Starling 602; **Pine Warbler 1 (ND)**; Am. Tree Sparrow **132**; **Fox Sparrow 1**; White-throated Sparrow 8; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 96; Snow Bunting **113**; N. Cardinal **46**; **Red-winged Blackbird 1**; Brown-headed Cowbird 110; Purple Finch **14**; House Finch **110**; Co. Redpoll CW; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 226; House Sparrow 182.

Totals: 54 species, 8084 individuals. **Compiler:** Matt Young. **Participants:** Brenda Best, Ryan Butryn, Susan Fondy, Natalia Garcia, Anne Pellegrini, Dave Russell, Linda Sherman, Julie Siler, Matthew Young.

Oneida

43...05 N 75...39 W, center Main & Madison Sts. Jan 1, 2005; 6:15 am to 4:00 pm; Temp 37; to 40; F. Wind S, 5 mph. Snow cover 0 inches. Still water partly frozen. Moving water open. AM cloudy. PM cloudy. Observers: 10 in 6 parties (non-owling), 4 at feeders; 1 hour and 11.3 miles owling. Total party-hours 44; party-miles 465.8; 6.5 hours and 11.3 miles on foot; 37.5 hours and 454.5 miles by car.

Snow Goose (white form) 1; Canada Goose 1388; Am. Black Duck 68; Mallard 434; Am. Black Duck X Mallard (hybrid) 16; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 170; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; Bald Eagle 2; N. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk cw; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 35; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 329; Herring Gull 31; Great Black-backed Gull 97; Rock Pigeon 484; Mourning Dove 173; Great Horned Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 9; Downy Woodpecker 39; Hairy Woodpecker 9; N. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 1; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 56; Am. Crow 393; Black-capped Chickadee 204; Tufted Titmouse 57; Red-

breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 41; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 1; European Starling 819; Cedar Waxwing 20; Am. Tree Sparrow 33; White-throated Sparrow 2; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 25; N. Cardinal 18; Red-winged Blackbird 25; House Finch 80; Am. Goldfinch 127; House Sparrow 198.

Totals: 45 species, 5406 individuals. **Sponsor:** Nature Club of Central New York. **Compiler:** Brenda Best. **Participants:** Betty Armbruster, Dave Baldrini, Brenda Best, Doug Linstruth, John Moore, Cheri Sassman, Anthony Shrimpton, Daniel Skinner, Deb Skinner, Sheila Smith.

Oswego-Fulton

43; 36 N 76; 45 W center Minetto. Dec 19, 2004; 6:30 am to 4 pm; Temp 24; to 35; F. Wind W, 8-25 mph. Snow cover 2-6 Still water partly open. Moving water partly frozen. AM cloudy, light rain and heavy snow. PM cloudy, heavy snow. Observers: 14 in 5 parties (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling. Total party-hours 26; party-miles 128.5; 16.5 hours and 27.5 miles on foot; 9.5 hours and 101 miles by car.

Canada Goose 297; Am. Black Duck 3; Mallard 145; Redhead CW; Greater Scaup 7; Lesser Scaup 3; Long-tailed Duck 6; Bufflehead 6; Com. Goldeneye 14; Hooded Merganser 26; Com. Merganser 104; Red-breasted Merganser 253; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Red-necked Grebe CW; Double-crested Cormorant 22; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; Bald Eagle CW; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 5; Ring-billed Gull 642; Herring Gull 170; Iceland Gull 1; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 84; Rock Pigeon 257; Mourning Dove 13; Barred Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 6; Downy Woodpecker 14; Hairy Woodpecker 4; N. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 7; Am. Crow 52; Horned Lark 1; Black-capped Chickadee 69; Tufted Titmouse 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 13; Brown Creeper 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 5; N. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 1170; Cedar Waxwing 91; Am. Tree Sparrow 50; White-throated Sparrow 1; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 7; Snow Bunting 37; N. Cardinal 8; House Finch 10; Am. Goldfinch 9; House Sparrow; 20.

Totals: 49 Species, 3649 Individuals. **Compilers:** Bill Purcell, Margaret Rusk. **Participants:** Dave Baldrini, Sue Boettger, Erik Caster, Jared Caster, Martin Caster, Zach Caster, Fred Gillette, Bill Gruenbaum, Kevin McGann, John H Moore, John P Moore, Gerard Phillips, Bill Purcell, Margaret Rusk.

Rome

43; 21 N 75; 33 W, center Stokes Corners, 2 mi NW of Rome. Dec 19, 2004; 5:00 am to 5:00 pm; Temp 15; to 35; F. Wind N, 5-15 mph. Snow cover 1-4 Still water partly frozen. Moving water open. AM fog, light rain. PM cloudy, heavy snow. Observers: 10 in 5 parties, 4 at feeders (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling. Total party-hours 44; party-miles 280; 14 hours and 5 miles on foot; 30 hours and 275 miles by car.

Canada Goose 4572, Mallard 170, Com. Merganser 3, Wild Turkey 59, Bald Eagle 3, N. Harrier 2, Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, N. Goshawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 13, Rough-legged Hawk 4, Ring-billed Gull 147, Herring Gull 3, Mourning Dove 154, Belted Kingfisher CW, Red-bellied Woodpecker 8, Downy Woodpecker 22, Hairy Woodpecker 8, Pileated Woodpecker 1, N. Shrike 3, Blue Jay 30, Am. Crow 304, Com. Raven 1, Black-capped Chickadee 303, Tufted Titmouse 9, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, White-breasted Nuthatch 14, Carolina Wren 1, Am. Robin 1, European Starling 299, Am. Tree Sparrow 47, White-throated Sparrow 3, Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 69, Snow Bunting 50, N. Cardinal 15, Brown-headed Cowbird 7, House Finch 40, Red Crossbill 20, Com. Redpoll CW, Am. Goldfinch 89, Evening Grosbeak 3, House Sparrow 44, Rock Pigeon 165.

Totals: 42 species, 6690 individuals. **Compiler:** Bruce Carpenter. **Participants:** Bruce Carpenter, Cindy Carpenter, Kara Carpenter, Candis Cesari, Dave Cesari, Don Hart, Brandon Heck, R. S. Hill, William Parkin, William Parkin, Deb Ringlehan, Debbie Ringlehan, John Ringlehan, John D. Ringlehan, Gerry Smith, Maureen Staloff.

Skaneateles

42; 57 N 76; 26 W, center jct. Highland Ave. & New Seneca Tpk. Jan 2, 2005; 7:00 am to 3:30 pm; Temp 35; to 39; F. Wind SW, 8-17 mph. Snow cover 0 Still water partly frozen. Moving water open. AM cloudy light rain. PM cloudy light rain. Observers: 19 in 7 parties; 2 hours and 31 miles owling. Total party-hours 53.5; party-miles 394.5; 22.5 hours and 67.5 miles on foot; 31 hours and 327 miles by car.

Canada Goose 2313, Am. Black Duck 4, Mallard 359, Ring-necked Duck 1, Greater Scaup 1, Bufflehead 29, Com. Goldeneye 6, Com. Merganser 16, Ruffed Grouse 1, Wild Turkey 8, No. Harrier 1, Sharp-shinned Hawk 2, Cooper's Hawk 2, Red-tailed Hawk 32, Rough-legged Hawk 1, Ring-billed Gull 170, Herring Gull 39, Great Black-backed Gull 9, Rock Pigeon 1132, Mourning Dove 77, E. Screech-Owl 6, Great Horned Owl 2, Barred Owl 1, Belted Kingfisher 2, Red-bellied Woodpecker 25, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1, Downy Woodpecker 48, Hairy Woodpecker 7, N. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 4, Pileated Woodpecker 6, Blue Jay 92, Am. Crow 5511, Horned Lark 5, Black-capped Chickadee 291, Tufted Titmouse 34, Red-breasted Nuthatch 4, White-breasted Nuthatch 37, Brown Creeper 5, Carolina Wren 1, Golden-crowned Kinglet 7, E. Bluebird 5, Am. Robin 71, N. Mockingbird 1, European Starling 1799, Cedar Waxwing 12, Am. Tree Sparrow 80, Song Sparrow 4, Swamp Sparrow 1, White-throated Sparrow 4, Dark-eyed Junco 140, N. Cardinal 66, House Finch 104, Com. Redpoll 1, Am. Goldfinch 117, House Sparrow 113.

Totals: 55 species, 12810 individuals. **Compiler:** John Cashier. **Participants:** Ken Burdick, Rose Burdick, Bernie Carr, John Cashier, Natalia Garcia, Robin Jowaisis, Bob Long, Caroline Manring, Margaret Manring, John H. Moore, John P. Moore, Kevin McGann, Don O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Fritz Parker, Paul Richardson, Susan Riley, Thomas Riley, Steve Schwabb.

Syracuse

43; 10 N 76; 08 W, center Collamer. Dec 18, 2004; 6:30 am to 5:00 pm; Temp 11; to 39; F. Wind E, 8 mph. Snow cover 2 Still water frozen. Moving water open. AM partly clear. PM clear. Observers: 23 in 11 parties, 1 at feeders (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling. Total party-hours 122; party-miles 489; 100 hours and 114 miles on foot; 22 hours and 375 miles by car.

Brant 1; Canada Goose 1747; Mute Swan 2; Tundra Swan 2; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 17; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 88; Mallard 1086; Ring-necked Duck 1; Com. Goldeneye 70; Hooded Merganser 19; Com. Merganser 1923; Red-breasted Merganser 3; Ruddy Duck 1; Wild Turkey 2; Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 3; Turkey Vulture 3; Bald Eagle 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 49; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 1436; Herring Gull 38; Great Black-backed Gull 26; Rock Pigeon 1623; Mourning Dove 343; E. Screech-Owl 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 20; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 53; Hairy Woodpecker 15; N. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 7; N. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 42; Am. Crow 6481; Black-capped Chickadee 419; Tufted Titmouse 36; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 55; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 7; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Am. Robin 534; N. Mockingbird 14; European Starling 3013; Cedar Waxwing 122; Am. Tree Sparrow 93;

Song Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 93; White-crowned Sparrow 1; Dark-eyed Junco 65; Snow Bunting 6; N. Cardinal 222; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 162; Com. Redpoll 1; Am. Goldfinch 183; House Sparrow 792.

Totals: 67 species, 20923 individuals. **Compiler:** Kevin McGann. **Participants:** Russ Allen, Bob Asanoma, Sue Boettcher, Joe Brin, Bernie Carr, John Cashier, Roger Dagle, Fred Gillette, Bill Gruenbaum, Gene Huggins, Kathy Kerr, Robert Long, Kevin McGann, Bob McNamara, David Nash, David Perrin, Paul Richardson, John Rogers, Margaret Rusk, David Ryan, Jeanne Ryan, Tony Shrimpton, Molly Thompson.

Region 6—St. Lawrence

Massena-Cornwall

44...58 N 74...54 W, center jct. Rte. 131 & Alcoa access Rd. 28 Dec 2004; AM: partly cloudy; PM: cloudy, light snow. Observers: 13; Total party hours: 64.

Canada Goose 21; Am. Black Duck 25; Mallard 547; Bufflehead 21; Co. Goldeneye 133; Hooded Merganser 9; Co. Merganser 349; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 13; Wild Turkey 75; Co. Loon 1; Double-crested Cormorant 2; Bald Eagle 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 1; N. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 7; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Ring-billed Gull 9; Herring Gull 36; Iceland Gull 1; Glaucous Gull 3; Great Black-backed Gull 453; Rock Pigeon 651; Mourning Dove 315; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 46; Hairy Woodpecker 47; Pileated Woodpecker 8; N. Shrike 3; Blue Jay 250; Am. Crow 10145; Co. Raven 4; Black-capped Chickadee 757; Tufted Titmouse 3; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 99; Brown Creeper 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; Am. Robin 11; European Starling 155; Cedar Waxwing 9; Am. Tree Sparrow 164; Song Sparrow 1; **Swamp Sparrow** 1; White-throated Sparrow 2; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 30; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 62; N. Cardinal 105; Red-winged Blackbird 2; **E. Meadowlark** 1; Purple Finch 8; House Finch 88; Co. Redpoll 149; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 413; Evening Grosbeak 3; House Sparrow 486.

Total: 63 species. **Compiler:** Bruce Di Labio. **Participants:** Joanne Ackerman, Nobi Ackerman, Marilyn Badger, Jacques Bouvier, Sheila Cerwonka, Bruce Di Labio, Andree Dubois-Laviolette, Mark Gawn, Paul Jones, Lance Laviolette, Paul Martin, Brian Morin, Eileen Wheeler.

Thousand Islands

44...21 N 75...59 W, center international boundary bet. Hill I., ON, Wellesley I., NY. 27 Dec 2004; 1...-10... F; AM: clear; PM: clear. Observers: 26; Total party hours: 77.

Canada Goose 341; Am. Wigeon 1; Am. Black Duck 86; Mallard 401; Greater Scaup 10; Lesser Scaup 70; Bufflehead 22; Co. Goldeneye 184; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 184; Ruffed Grouse 13; Wild Turkey 257; Bald Eagle 22; N. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 35; Rough-legged Hawk 7; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 25; Herring Gull 35; Great Black-backed Gull 10; Rock Pigeon 372; Mourning Dove 331; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 1; Long-eared Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 4; Downy Woodpecker 51; Hairy Woodpecker 24; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Blue Jay 291; Am. Crow 88; Co. Raven 12; Horned Lark 16; Black-capped Chickadee 665; Tufted Titmouse 1; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 92; Carolina Wren 1; House Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; Am.

Robin 2; European Starling 178; Am. Tree Sparrow 191; Song Sparrow 19; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 71; Snow Bunting 1443; N. Cardinal 33; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 13; Purple Finch 13; House Finch 49; Co. Redpoll 151; Am. Goldfinch 125; House Sparrow 432.

Total: 57 species. **Compilers:** Kenneth Robinson. **Participants:** Sid Andrews, Dick Brouse, Jon Burrows, Kathleen Burtch, Rita Burtch, Robert Burtch, Jim Campbell, Nancy Campbell, Nelson Cave, Dan Clifflen, Joan Collins, Wendy Desrocher, Darlene Edgell, Sheila George, Michael Heffernan, Nick Leone, Janet Picunas, David Prosser, Lucille Raymond, Ken Robinson, Don Ross, Stephen Seiffert, Dorothy Sheats, Robert Silver, Ernie Sparks, Jim Thompson, Nancy Webster, Jessie Williams.

Watertown

44...00 N 76...00 W, center Brownville. 18 Dec 04; 15...-29...F; AM: partly cloudy; PM: partly cloudy. Observers: 14; Total party-hours: 41.0.

Snow Goose 11; Canada Goose 4523; Mallard 407; Am. Black Duck 16; Greater Scaup 4; **Long-tailed Duck** 4; Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 14; Co. Merganser 39; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 17; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 52; Rough-legged Hawk 13; Am. Kestrel 1; Wild Turkey 93; Ring-billed Gull 34; Herring Gull 38; Great Black-backed Gull 14; Mourning Dove 284; Rock Pigeon 547; Red-bellied Woodpecker 2; Downy Woodpecker 15; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 1; No. Shrike 2; Blue Jay 74; **Co. Raven** 1; Am. Crow 2601; Horned Lark 55; Black-capped Chickadee 227; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 18; **Tufted Titmouse** 1; Am. Robin 181; European Starling 931; Cedar Waxwing 32; No. Cardinal 31; Am. Tree Sparrow 69; Snow Bunting 614; Dark-eyed Junco 614; **Red-winged Blackbird** 1; **Brown-headed Cowbird** 1; House Finch 145; Am. Goldfinch 46; House Sparrow 373.

Totals: 47 species; 11,560 individuals. **Compiler:** David W. Prosser (25492 NYS RT 126, Watertown, NY 13601; <dwprosserAT aol.com>). **Participants:** Jeff Bolsinger, Dick Brouse, Marion Brouse, Carol Cady, Susan Fondy, Steven Guy, Jerry LeTendre, Judi LeTendre, Betty Prosser, David W. Prosser, Gerry Smith, Eve Sweatman, Bob Walker, June Walker.

Region 7—Adirondack-Champlain

Elizabethtown

44;13 N 73;36 W Center at Essex Co. Courthouse. Dec 19, 2004; 5:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Temp: 25; to 38;F. Wind S, 0-5 m.p.h. Snow cover: 1-12 inches. Still water frozen, moving water partly open. A.M.: cloudy, light snow. P.M.: cloudy, light snow. Observers: 17 in field in 8 parties (non-owling). Total party-hours: 56.75 (17.75 on foot and 39 by car). Total party-miles: 361 (17.8 on foot and 343.2 by car). Owling effort: 3.5 hours and 26 miles.

Mallard 5, Ruffed Grouse 10, Wild Turkey 41, **Great Blue Heron** 1, Sharp-shinned Hawk CW, No. Goshawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 3, Rough-legged Hawk 6, Rock Pigeon 148, Mourning Dove 154, Great Horned Owl 1, Barred Owl 2, **Belted Kingfisher** 1, Downy Woodpecker 50, Hairy Woodpecker 34, Pileated Woodpecker 6, No. Shrike 3, Blue Jay 135, Am. Crow 295, Co. Raven 45, Black-capped Chickadee 1014, Boreal Chickadee 4, Tufted Titmouse 14, Red-breasted Nuthatch 124, White-breasted Nuthatch 68, Brown Creeper 11, **Carolina Wren** 1, Golden-crowned Kinglet 46, European Starling 326, Cedar Waxwing 1, Am. Tree Sparrow 103, **White-crowned Sparrow** 1, Dark-eyed Junco 48,

Snow Bunting 76, No. Cardinal 11, **Red-winged Blackbird 1**, **Co. Grackle 2**, Brown-headed Cowbird 1, Pine Grosbeak 2, White-winged Crossbill 1, Co. Redpoll 3, Pine Siskin 5, Am. Goldfinch 262, Evening Grosbeak 6, House Sparrow 126.

Totals: 44 species (+1 cw); 3,198 individuals. **Compiler:** Matthew Medler. **Participants:** Una Creedon-Carey, Robin Brown, Joan Collins, Beth Edmonds, Linda LaPan, Fuat Latif, Dave Kaplan, Brian McAllister, Matthew Medler (compiler), Megan Murphy, Dan Nickerson, John M. C. Peterson, Carole Slatkin, Eric Teed, John Thaxton, Pat Thaxton, and Bob Wei.

Ferrisburg

44.11 N 73.18 W, center jct. Sand & Thorpe Rds. 18 Dec 2004; 2...-28... F; AM:clear; PM: partly cloudy. Observers: 34; Total party hours: 121.5.

Snow Goose 11; Canada Goose 836; Am. Black Duck 117; Mallard 417; N. Pintail 1; Greater Scaup 57; Lesser Scaup 1; scaup sp. 1; Surf Scoter cw; White-winged Scoter 2; Bufflehead 95; Co. Goldeneye 482; Hooded Merganser 45; Co. Merganser 76 (low); Red-breasted Merganser 3; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 12; Wild Turkey **371**; Co. Loon 18; **Pied-billed Grebe 1**; Horned Grebe 27; Great Blue Heron 3; Bald Eagle 17; N. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper s Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 51; Rough-legged Hawk 47; Am. Kestrel 3; Merlin 2; Ring-billed Gull 179; Herring Gull 23; Great Black-backed Gull 34; Rock Pigeon 626; Mourning Dove 639; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl 9; Barred Owl 1; **Long-eared Owl 2**; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 3; Downy Woodpecker 78; Hairy Woodpecker 23; Yellow-shafted N. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 12; N. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 148; Am. Crow 546; Co. Raven 22; Horned Lark 215; Black-capped Chickadee 733; Tufted Titmouse **89**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 109; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 2; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 3; E. Bluebird 39; Am. Robin 558; N. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 3449; Cedar Waxwing 100; Am. Tree Sparrow 594; **Savannah Sparrow 1**; Song Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 13; E. White-crowned Sparrow 1; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 128; Snow Bunting 260; N. Cardinal 111; Red-winged Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 2; Purple Finch 12; House Finch 196; **Red Crossbill 3**; Pine Siskin 6; Am. Goldfinch 331; House Sparrow 976.

Total: 79 species. **Compiler:** Alan Pistorius. **Participants:** Jim Andrews, Kris Andrews, Steve Antell, Tom Barber, Ric Beck, Lillian Birkett, Jessie Bradley, Barbara Brosnan, Debbie Bushy, John Chamberlain, Joanne Doyle, Margaret Dye, Ardis Fisher, Lionel Fisher, Penny Goodkind, Dave Kaplan, Matt Medler, Mary Metcalf, Ted Murin, Jim Osborn, John Peterson, Judy Peterson, Dick Reid, Peg Rood, Chris Runcie, Jim Runcie, Alan Strong, Harriet Szanto, John Thaxton, Pat Thaxton, Bob Wei, Mike Winslow, Jeanne Wisner.

Plattsburgh

44°39' N 73°29' W, as described in 1986, center at the former Plattsburgh Air Force Base. 19 Dec 04; 7:00 am to 4:30 pm; 22°-39° F; wind south to southeast 0-10 mph; snow cover variable, up to 8"; partly cloudy skies with light snow. Observers: 22 field and 22 at feeders; 45.5 hours at feeders; 2 hours and 8 miles owling; total party-hours 58.0 and party-miles 460.5; 12.5 hours and 14.5 miles on foot.

Canada Goose 89, Am. Black Duck 37, Mallard 629, Greater Scaup **1015**, Bufflehead 18, Co. Goldeneye 183, Hooded Merganser 2, Co. Merganser 222, Ring-necked Pheasant 1, Ruffed Grouse 4, Wild Turkey 48, Pied-billed Grebe cw, Horned Grebe cw, Co. Loon 1, Great Blue Heron 2, Bald Eagle cw, No. Harrier 2, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Cooper s Hawk

1, No. Goshawk 1, Red-tailed Hawk 3, Rough-legged Hawk 3, Am. Kestrel cw, Am. Coot 1, Ring-billed Gull 451, Herring Gull 60, Great Black-backed Gull 45, Rock Pigeon 573, Mourning Dove 531, Red-bellied Woodpecker cw, Downy Woodpecker 50, Hairy Woodpecker 45, Pileated Woodpecker 11, No. Shrike 2, Blue Jay 138, Am. Crow 2587, Co. Raven 3, Horned Lark 70, Black-capped Chickadee 631, Tufted Titmouse 24, Red-breasted Nuthatch 22, White-breasted Nuthatch 63, Brown Creeper 4, **Carolina Wren** 1, Am. Robin 12, No. Mockingbird 2, European Starling 1169, Am. Tree Sparrow 79, White-throated Sparrow 6, Dark-eyed Junco 137, Lapland Longspur cw, Snow Bunting 439, No. Cardinal 58, Co. Grackle 3, Brown-headed Cowbird 11, Purple Finch 24, House Finch 114, Pine Siskin 1, Am. Goldfinch 332, Evening Grosbeak 8, House Sparrow 183.

Totals: 55 species (+6 cw); 10,152 individuals. **Compiler:** Judith Heintz. **Participants:** Derek Allan, Ron Allen, Helen Booth, Robert Booth, Gwen Cateenwalla, Jim Cayea, Joy Cayea, Joan Clark, Ralph Clark, Nina Coryea, Walter Coryea, Marcia Desotelle, Julie Dumas, Ron Dumas, Sarah Elmdorf, Walter Favro, Elizabeth Fitts, Holland Fitts Jan Forsman, Evelyn Fuller, Judith Heintz, Roger Heintz, Euclid Jones, Suzy Johnson, Harold Klein, Anne Korths, Bill Krueger, Julie Lattrell, Julie Liberty, Ann Macintosh, Melanie McCormack, Janet Mihuc, Dan Peters, Nancy Olsen, Dana Rohleder, Ingeborg Sapp, Marilyn Smith, Michelle Snyder, Bill Ston, Gary Sturgis, Kathie Thompson, Lynn Valenti and Dan Vogt.

Saranac Lake

4419 N 7405 W, mostly as described 1976, but center 1.2 miles NNE of e. jct. Rt. 86 & Old Ray Brook Rd., Ray Brook. 2 Jan 05; 7:00 am to 5:00 pm; 9-34 F; wind SW 3-20 mph; snow cover 0 ; still water frozen; moving water partly open; AM cloudy; PM freezing rain. Observers: 24 in field in 13-14 parties (non-owling), plus 8 at feeders. Time and Distance: 22 hours at feeders; 7 hours and 40 miles owling. Total party-hours 78.5 and party-miles 366.5; 44.25 hours and 34.5 miles on foot, 33.25 hours and 327 miles by car, 1 hour and 5 miles by kayak.

Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 3; Mallard 185; Hooded Merganser 12; Bald Eagle 2; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 15; Wild Turkey 3; Rock Pigeon 215; Mourning Dove 82; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Downy Woodpecker 43; Hairy Woodpecker 45; Black-backed Woodpecker 3; Pileated Woodpecker 15; N. Shrike 2; Gray Jay 19; Blue Jay 395; Am. Crow 177; Co. Raven 29; Black-capped Chickadee 1457; Boreal Chickadee 16; Tufted Titmouse 6; Red-breasted Nuthatch 239; White-breasted Nuthatch 61; Brown Creeper 10; Golden-crowned Kinglet 46; Am. Robin cw; Eur. Starling 133; Am. Tree Sparrow 16; Song Sparrow 1; Dark-eyed (Slate-col.) Junco 42; N. Cardinal 14; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird cw; Pine Grosbeak 5; Purple Finch 5; House Finch 2; White-winged Crossbill 13; Co. Redpoll 266; Pine Siskin 181; Am. Goldfinch 529; Evening Grosbeak 87; House Sparrow 19.

Totals: 44 species; 4401 individuals. **Compiler:** Larry Master (516 Mirror Lake Drive, Box 310, Lake Placid, NY 12946). **Participants:** Toby Burke, Joan Collins, Tom Dudones, Peter Galvani, Ed Grant, Denise Griffin, Robert Hagar, Audrey Hyson, Debbie and Ed Kanze, Linda LaPan, Fuat Latif, Ted Mack, John Marshall, Kathy and Charlie Marshall, Larry Master, Brian McAllister, Melanie McCormick, Dan Peters, Dana Rohleder, Nina and Bill Schoch, Mary Beth Warburton.

Region 8—Hudson-Mohawk

Albany

42.5; N 73.92; W. 19 Dec 04; 6:00am-5:45pm; 27;-38; F; AM partly cloudy; PM light snow; Observers: 15 in 7-8 parties (non-owling); 2.5 hours and 8 miles owling; Total party hours 63; party miles 324; 28 hours and 22 miles on foot; 35 hours and 302 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 2057; Wood Duck 4; Gadwall 8; Am. Black Duck 53; Mallard 293; Ring-necked Duck 32; Long-tailed Duck 1; Co. Goldeneye 29; Hooded Merganser 19; Co. Merganser 91; Ruddy Duck 11; Ruffed Grouse 1; Co. Loon 4; **Red-necked Grebe 1**; Bald Eagle 4; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; **Red-shouldered Hawk 1**; Red-tailed Hawk 56; Ring-billed Gull 167; Herring Gull 657; Rock Pigeon 235; Mourning Dove 183; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 34; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 91; Hairy Woodpecker 17; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 14; Pileated Woodpecker 16; No. Shrike (cw); Blue Jay 85 (low); Am. Crow 3825; Black-capped Chickadee 403; Tufted Titmouse 62; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4 (low); White-breasted Nuthatch 47; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 10; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 100; Am. Robin 2909; No. Mockingbird 4 (low); European Starling 1569; Cedar Waxwing 254; Am. Tree Sparrow 134; Song Sparrow 10; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 76; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 335; No. Cardinal 95; **Dickcissel 1**; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 4; Purple Finch 7 (low); House Finch 50 (low); Am. Goldfinch 146; House Sparrow 155.

Totals: 63 species, 14,395 individuals. **Sponsor:** Audubon Society of the Capital Region. **Compiler:** Alan Mapes. **Participants:** Sue Adair, Bob Budliger, Jocelyn Cole-Caulkins, Steve Chorvas, Mark Fitzsimmons, Richard Guthrie, Denise Hackert-Stoner, Alan Mapes, Tina Markopoulos, Frank Murphy, John Ozard, Patti Packer, Danika Raup, Will Raup, Scott Stoner, Jim Suozzo, Craig Thompson, Susan Wolfe.

Bolton Landing

43.55; N 73.65; W. 18 Dec 04; 6:30am-4:30pm; 14;-26; F; AM clear; PM cloudy. Observers: 12 in 6 parties (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling; Total party hours 12; party miles 156.5; 4 hours and 4 miles on foot; 6 hours and 150 miles by car.

Canada Goose 25; Mallard 321; duck sp. 40; Long-tailed Duck 1; Bufflehead 9; Co. Goldeneye 81; Hooded Merganser 6; Co. Merganser 14; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 7; Wild Turkey 32; Co. Loon 1; Ring-billed Gull 6; Herring Gull 7; Rock Pigeon 102; Mourning Dove 38; Downy Woodpecker 9; Hairy Woodpecker 8; Blue Jay 47; Am. Crow 16; Co. Raven 7; Black-capped Chickadee 133; Tufted Titmouse 20; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 16; Brown Creeper 1; Am. Robin 1; European Starling 5; Cedar Waxwing 55; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 33; No. Cardinal 2; House Finch 21; Am. Goldfinch 45; House Sparrow 173.

Totals: 35 species, 1,258 individuals. **Compiler:** Chris Krahling. **Participants:** Elane Angle, Henry Caldwell, Mary Dreyer, John Gaddy, Olivvy Gaddy, Bill Gates, Nancy Kimball, Chris Krahling, Chris Roberts, Ed Scheiber, Lynn Schumann, Pat Simpson.

Catskill-Coxsackie

42.28; N 73.88; W. 14 Dec 04; 6:00am-5:00pm; 18;-25; F; AM clear; PM clear. Observers: 23 in 8 parties (non-owling); 2 hours and 1 mile owling; Total party hours 68; party miles 333; 20 hours and 18 miles on foot; 48 hours and 315 miles by car.

Snow Goose 45; Canada Goose 4334; Am. Black Duck 149; Mallard 310; **Blue-winged Teal** 1; No. Pintail 3; Ring-necked Duck 32; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 8; Co. Merganser 36; Ruddy Duck 30; Wild Turkey 44; Great Blue Heron 5; Bald Eagle 5; No. Harrier 42; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 86; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Am. Kestrel 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; **Killdeer** 1; Ring-billed Gull 272; Herring Gull 134; Iceland Gull 1; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 111; Mourning Dove 102; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 25; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 48; Hairy Woodpecker 9; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 15; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Blue Jay 29; Am. Crow 562; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 1; Black-capped Chickadee 294; Tufted Titmouse 169; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 58; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 11; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 20; E. Bluebird 55; Am. Robin 726; No. Mockingbird 10; European Starling 467; **Am. Pipit** 1; Cedar Waxwing 227; Am. Tree Sparrow 96; Song Sparrow 4; White-throated Sparrow 122; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 326; No. Cardinal 67; House Finch 178; Am. Goldfinch 136; Evening Grosbeak 1; House Sparrow 110.

Totals: 63 species, 9,565 individuals. **Compiler:** Richard Guthrie. **Participants:** Larry Alden, Jon Boulette, John Cannon, Jim Coe, Scott Crocoll, David Diaz, Lyn Fagen, Larry Federman, Richard Guthrie, Irene Irwin, Al Mapes, Kellen Mortensen, Tristan Mortensen, Timothy O Conner, Paul Rapelyea, LeRoy Suess, Alta Turner.

Chatham

42.37; N 73.65; W. 18 Dec 04; 6:00am-5:30pm; 10;-37; F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 38 in 15 parties; Total party hours 100; party miles 533; 39 hours and 20.5 miles on foot; 61 hours and 512.5 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose 8095; Mute Swan 9; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 34; Mallard 430; Bufflehead 1; Co. Merganser 42; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey 162; Co. Loon 3; Bald Eagle 5; No. Harrier 14; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 88; Am. Kestrel 2; Ring-billed Gull 13; Herring Gull 75; Great Black-backed Gull 14; Rock Pigeon 526; Mourning Dove 231; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 3; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 40; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 101; Hairy Woodpecker 21; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 13; Pileated Woodpecker 14; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 154; Am. Crow 1189; Co. Raven 1; Horned Lark 42; Black-capped Chickadee 559; Tufted Titmouse 203; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 112; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 22; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 109; Am. Robin 719; **Gray Catbird** 1; No. Mockingbird 29; European Starling 1056; Cedar Waxwing 501; Am. Tree Sparrow 82; Song Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 72; E. White-crowned Sparrow 1; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 539; Snow Bunting 20; No. Cardinal 146; Red-winged Blackbird 1; Purple Finch 15; House Finch 140; Co. Redpoll 1; Am. Goldfinch 328; House Sparrow 315.

Totals: 64 species, 16,344 individuals. **Compiler:** William Cook. **Participants:** Jon Boulette, Ron Bussian, Mike Butler, Monica Carroll, Robert Carroll, Sue Carroll, William Cook, Mike Corral, June Houghton, Nancy Kern, Mitzi Lobdell, Gale Nord, Richard Nord, Justin Rich, George Rodenhausen, Susan Scheck, Kathryn Schneider, William Schneider, Debbie Shaw, Carl Specht, Helen Specht, Stephanie Specht, Joan Steiner, Marion Ulmer, Bernard Vidibor, Marlene Vidibor, Carol Whitby, Owen Whitby, Sandra Williams, Chris Winters.

Hudson Falls

43.28; N 73.62; W. 19 Dec 04; 7:30am-3:30pm; 29;-30; F; AM clear; PM light rain. Observers: 12 in 4 parties (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling; Total party hours 9; total party miles 309; 1 hour and 1 mile on foot; 8 hours and 308 miles by car.

Canada Goose 872; Am. Black Duck 21; Mallard 371; Co. Goldeneye 88; Hooded Merganser 28; Co. Merganser 18; Wild Turkey 52; Great Blue Heron 1; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Cooper s Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 51; Rough-legged Hawk 9; Merlin 1; Ring-billed Gull 85; Herring Gull 208; Rock Pigeon 1235; Mourning Dove 377; Barred Owl 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 5; Downy Woodpecker 42; Hairy Woodpecker 13; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 2; No. Shrike 1; **Blue-headed Vireo 1** (AQ); Blue Jay 79; Am. Crow 482; Co. Raven 4; Horned Lark 100; Black-capped Chickadee 213; Tufted Titmouse **101**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch **48**; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 2; E. Bluebird 13; Am. Robin 27; No. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 781; Cedar Waxwing 25; Am. Tree Sparrow 148; Song Sparrow 1; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 56; No. Cardinal 25; **Red-winged Blackbird 1**; House Finch 134; Pine Siskin 3; Am. Goldfinch 101; House Sparrow 225.

Totals: 50 species, 6072 individuals. **Compiler:** Linda White. **Participants:** Mona Bearor, Beth Bidwell, Brad Bidwell, Joan Dobert, Russ Hilliard, Linda Hoyt, Joyce Miller, Barbara Putnam, Joan Robertson, Virginia Vogel, Linda White, Elaine Winslow.

Johnstown-Gloversville

43.10; N 74.38; W. 26 Dec 04; 5:00am-5:00pm; 15;-23; F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 13 in 6 parties (non-owling); 4 hours and 46 miles owling; Total party hours 46; total party miles 424; 9 hours and 8 miles on foot; 37 hours and 416 miles by car.

Am. Black Duck 7; Mallard 88; duck sp. 1; Co. Merganser 8; Ruffed Grouse 6; Wild Turkey **105**; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper s Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 14; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Ring-billed Gull 23; Herring Gull 26; Great Black-backed Gull 4; Rock Pigeon 583; Mourning Dove 204; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 1; Downy Woodpecker 52; Hairy Woodpecker 23; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 1; Pileated Woodpecker 3; small woodpecker species; No. Shrike **4**; Blue Jay 109; Am. Crow 246; Co. Raven 6; Black-capped Chickadee 600; Tufted Titmouse **60**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 16; White-breasted Nuthatch 52; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren cw; **House Wren 1** (PD); Golden-crowned Kinglet 16; E. Bluebird 12; European Starling 453; Cedar Waxwing 217; Am. Tree Sparrow 60; Song Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 4; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 89; Snow Bunting 228; No. Cardinal 19; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 186; Red Crossbill 3; crossbill sp. 1; Am. Goldfinch 145; Evening Grosbeak 11; House Sparrow 179.

Totals: 49 species, 3,884 individuals. **Compiler:** Pamela Hunt. **Participants:** Laurie Freeman, Marianne Friers, Jane Graves, Joan Hansen, Matt Montgomery, Larry Rowland, Liz Russo, Paul Russo, Carol Stack, Jon Stack, Sue Van Hook, Alison Van Keuren.

Salem

43.13; N 73.42; W. 28 Dec 04; 7:00am-4:30pm; -3;-24; F; AM clear; PM light snow. Observers: 11 in 5 parties (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling; Total party hours 41.5; party miles 373.8; 1.75 hours and 1.8 miles on foot; 39.75 hours and 372 miles by car.

Canada Goose 504; Am. Black Duck 18; Mallard 168; Co. Goldeneye 35; Co. Merganser 32; Red-breasted Merganser 7; Ruffed Grouse 2; Wild Turkey **250**; Bald Eagle 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1; Cooper s Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 64; Rough-legged Hawk 1;

Am. Kestrel 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Great Black-backed Gull 1; Rock Pigeon 1035; Mourning Dove 474; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 69; Hairy Woodpecker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 10; Blue Jay 206; Am. Crow 550; Co. Raven 6; Horned Lark 588; Black-capped Chickadee 538; Tufted Titmouse 101; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 52; E. Bluebird 39; Am. Robin 130; No. Mockingbird 1; European Starling 2869; Am. Tree Sparrow 540; Chipping Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 14; White-throated Sparrow 2; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 1064; Snow Bunting 45; No. Cardinal 124; Brown-headed Cowbird 187; House Finch 179; Am. Goldfinch 197; House Sparrow 535.

Totals: 45 species, 10,669 individuals. **Compiler:** John Helft. **Participants:** Quentin Beaver, Al Cormier, Dave DeVries, Bonnie Dundas, Scott Dundas, Bill Eberle, John Helft, Kevin Hemeon, Anne Hunter, Andrew Knaffel, Bob Page.

Saratoga Springs

43.07; N 73.70; W. 18 Dec 04; 5:00am-4:30pm; 6;-20; F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 14 in 6 parties (non-owling); 3.5 hours and 31 miles owling; Total party hours 51; party miles 431; 10 hours and 14 miles on foot; 41 hours and 417 miles by car.

Snow Goose 6402; Canada Goose 8881; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 2; Am. Black Duck 150; Mallard 448; Green-winged Teal 1; Ring-necked Duck 1; Bufflehead 1; Co. Goldeneye 153; Hooded Merganser 8; Co. Merganser 97; **Red-breasted Merganser 1**; Great Blue Heron 2; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 42; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Ring-billed Gull 12; Herring Gull 5; Great Black-backed Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 569; Mourning Dove 123; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 10; Downy Woodpecker 54; Hairy Woodpecker 18; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 10; Pileated Woodpecker 11; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 95; Am. Crow 295; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 170; Black-capped Chickadee 373; Tufted Titmouse 101; Red-breasted Nuthatch 6; White-breasted Nuthatch 59; Brown Creeper 3; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 68; Am. Robin 197; No. Mockingbird 2; European Starling 2104; Cedar Waxwing 354; Am. Tree Sparrow 227; Song Sparrow 16; Swamp Sparrow 1; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 273; Snow Bunting 31; No. Cardinal 64; Purple Finch 13; House Finch 109; Am. Goldfinch 124; House Sparrow 208.

Totals: 59 species, 21,928 individuals. **Sponsor:** Audobon Society of the Capital Region. **Compilers:** Jane Graves & Alison Van Keuren. **Participants:** John Adair, Sue Adair, Carol Budliger, Robert Budliger, Tom Cobb, Dave Gibson, Jane Graves, Ron Harrower, Ellen Kiehl, Ray Perry, Barb Putnam, Larry Rowland, Paul Saffold, Alison Van Keuren.

Schenectady

42.75; N 73.91; W. 18 Dec 04; 7:00am-4:30pm; 9;-38; F; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 23 in 7 parties (non-owling); 2.25 hours and 12 miles owling; Total party hours 91.5; party miles 435.5; 59.5 hours and 29.5 miles on foot; 32 hours and 406 miles by car.

Canada Goose 1246; Mute Swan 1; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 2; Am. Black Duck 38; Mallard 1052; Bufflehead 1; Co. Merganser 107; Wild Turkey 80; Great Blue Heron 15; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 69; Ring-billed Gull 565; Herring Gull 113; Great Black-backed Gull 32; Rock Pigeon 379; Mourning Dove 218; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 3; Red-bellied Woodpecker 11; Downy Woodpecker 85; Hairy Woodpecker 23; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 5; Pileated Woodpecker 11; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 81 (low); Am. Crow 1076; Fish Crow 4; Co. Raven 3; Black-capped Chickadee 395; Tufted Titmouse

109; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2 (low); White-breasted Nuthatch 72; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 1; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 44; Am. Robin 2501; **Gray Catbird 3**; No. Mockingbird 6; European Starling 3397; Cedar Waxwing 31; Am. Tree Sparrow 112; Song Sparrow 16; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 76; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 166; No. Cardinal 148; Red-winged Blackbird 13; House Finch 160; Pine Siskin 6; Am. Goldfinch 163; House Sparrow 221.

Totals: 58 species, 12,890 individuals. **Sponsor:** Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club. **Compiler:** William Lee. **Participants:** Larry Alden, Janet Betlejeski, John Blanchard, Joan Cipriani, Carl George, Cathy Graichen, Bernard Grossman, Christine Grossman, Theodore Hicks, Kathleen Loguidice, Roger Miller, Thomas Palmer, Bryce Recer, Gregg Recer, Peggy Rudis, Nancy Slack, Henry Stebbins, Eugene Vermilyea, Robert Yunick.

Southern Rensselaer County

40.62; N 73.63; W. 27 Dec 04; 4:15am-5:00pm; 13;-22; F; AM cloudy, light snow; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 17 in 5-8 parties (non-owling); 2.5 hours and 15 miles owling; Total party hours 64; party miles 607.8; 16.5 hours and 11.8 miles by foot; 47.5 hours and 596 miles by car.

Canada Goose 1739; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 16; Mallard 365; Co. Merganser 8; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 75; Bald Eagle 3; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper s Hawk 5; Red-tailed Hawk 45; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 3; Ring-billed Gull 139; Herring Gull 33; Great Black-backed Gull 16; Rock Pigeon 1076; Mourning Dove 716; E. Screech-Owl 2; Red-bellied Woodpecker 15; Downy Woodpecker 70; Hairy Woodpecker 22; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 94 (low); Am. Crow 3279; Co. Raven 3; Horned Lark 60; Black-capped Chickadee 414; Tufted Titmouse **142**; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 48; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 7; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 37; Am. Robin **1844**; No. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 1284; Am. Tree Sparrow 106; **Chipping Sparrow 3**; Song Sparrow 5; White-throated Sparrow 57; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 292; Snow Bunting 40; No. Cardinal 91; Red-winged Blackbird 4; Co. Grackle 1; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 125; Am. Goldfinch 51; House Sparrow 345.

Totals: 55 species; 12,726 individuals. **Sponsor:** Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club. **Compiler:** Philip Whitney. **Participants:** Paul Brannigan, Steve Chorvas, Joan Cipriani, Bernice Fiske, Gary Goodness, David Gorman, Timothy Gorman, William Lee, Frank Murphy, Gregg Recer, Nicholas Riano, Peggy Rudis, Gene Vermilyea, Marjorie Whitney, Philip Whitney, Steve Yandik, Will Yandik.

Troy

42.83; N 73.67; W. 1 Jan 05. 5:30am-5:30pm; 38;-45; AM partly clear; PM cloudy. Observers: 18 in 7 parties (non-owling); 2.75 hours and 25 miles owling; Total party hours 61.25; party miles 464.3; 21.75 hours and 10.3 miles on foot; 39.5 hours and 220 miles by car.

Snow Goose 5; Canada Goose 5201; Mute Swan cw; Wood Duck **2**; Am. Black Duck 84; Mallard 792; Am. Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid) 2; Lesser Scaup 1; Co. Goldeneye 1; Hooded Merganser 6; Co. Merganser 182; Ruffed Grouse 5; Wild Turkey 71; Bald Eagle 4; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper s Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 66; Rough-legged Hawk 4; Am. Kestrel 1; Ring-billed Gull 271; Herring Gull 1037; Iceland Gull **4**; Lesser Black-backed Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull 16; Glaucous Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull **626**; Rock Pigeon 709; Mourning Dove 379; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker **18**; Downy Woodpecker 61; Hairy

Woodpecker 14; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 10; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Blue Jay 63; Am. Crow 3178; Fish Crow 2; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 453; Tufted Titmouse 80; White-breasted Nuthatch 72; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 39; Am. Robin 330; No. Mockingbird 5; European Starling 2442; **Am. Pipit** cw; Cedar Waxwing 34; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 87; Song Sparrow 4; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 39; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 140; No. Cardinal 54; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 100; Am. Goldfinch 93; House Sparrow 479.

Totals: 61 species, 17,424 individuals. **Sponsor:** Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club. **Compiler:** Larry Alden. **Participants:** Sue Adair, Jackie Bogardus, Robert Budliger, Steve Chorvas, Joan Cipriani, Lin Fagan, Jane Graves, Richard Guthrie, Ronald Harrower, Jory Langner, Bill Lee, Norton Miller, Helen Penna, Lon Penna, Peggy Rudis, Susan Stewart, Alison Van Keuren.

Region 9—Hudson-Delaware

Bronx-Westchester Region

40...53 N 73...45 W, center Center New Rochelle. 26 Dec 04; 5:00 am-5:00 pm; 9.2... F; Wind NE 10-15 mph; Snow cover 0-1; Still water partly frozen; moving water open; AM cloudy; PM cloudy, light snow. Observers: 81 in 28-33 parties (non-owling) plus 5 at feeders (5.5 hours); 5.5 hours and 19 miles owling; Total party hours 195.5; party miles 457.5; 179 hours and 157.5 miles on foot; 16.5 hours and 300 miles by car.

Brant 1423; Canada Goose 5676; Mute Swan 112; Wood Duck 12; Gadwall 99; Eurasian Wigeon 2; Am. Wigeon 281; Am. Black Duck 944; Mallard 1614; Am. Black Duck x Mallard hybrid 12; No. Shoveler 5; Am. Green-winged Teal 14; Canvasback 25; Ring-necked Duck 26; Greater Scaup 6655; Lesser Scaup 662; White-winged Scoter 1; Long-tailed Duck 31; Bufflehead 645; Co. Goldeneye 220; Hooded Merganser 132; Co. Merganser 396; Red-breasted Merganser 267; Ruddy Duck 79; Ring-necked Pheasant 3 (low); Wild Turkey 47; Red-throated Loon 15; Co. Loon 6; Horned Grebe 6; No. Gannet 1; Double-crested Cormorant 48; Great Cormorant 25; Great Blue Heron 40; **Great Egret** 1; Black-crowned Night Heron 4; Bald Eagle 4 (4 ad, 0 im); eagle sp. 1; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 10; No. Goshawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 2; Red-shouldered Hawk CW; Red-tailed Hawk 84; *Buteo* sp. 1; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 4; Virginia Rail 2; Am. Coot 2; Killdeer 5; Purple Sandpiper 73; Bonaparte's Gull 4; Ring-billed Gull 2567; Herring Gull 1408; Great Black-backed Gull 99; Rock Pigeon 1455; Mourning Dove 1024; Monk Parakeet 19; Barn Owl 1; E. Screech-Owl 9; Great Horned Owl 11; Barred Owl 1; Long-eared Owl 2; Short-eared Owl 1; No. Saw-whet Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 14; Red-headed Woodpecker CW; Red-bellied Woodpecker 108; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 8; Downy Woodpecker 196; Hairy Woodpecker 58; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 12; Pileated Woodpecker 1; Blue Jay 177; Am. Crow 508; Fish Crow 20; Black-capped Chickadee 579; Tufted Titmouse 349; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 140; Brown Creeper 14; Carolina Wren 118; Winter Wren 23; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 10; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; E. Bluebird 2; Hermit Thrush 11; Am. Robin 830; Gray Catbird 24; No. Mockingbird 108; Brown Thrasher 2; European Starling 2758; Cedar Waxwing 41; **Pine Warbler** 6 (ph); **Ovenbird** 1 (ph); E. Towhee 17; Am. Tree Sparrow 119; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 2; Savannah Sparrow 10; Fox Sparrow 100; Song Sparrow 463; Swamp Sparrow 8; White-throated Sparrow 1401; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 1190; No. Cardinal 416;

Red-winged Blackbird 136; Rusty Blackbird 33; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 70; **Baltimore Oriole 2** (ph, GD); Purple Finch 11; House Finch 318; Pine Siskin CW; Am. Goldfinch 519; House Sparrow 1165.

Totals: 111 species; 38,441 individuals. **Compiler:** Michael Bochnik <bochnikm@cs.com>. **Participants:** Leonard Abramson, George Angehr, John Askildsen, Trudy Battely, Joan Becker, Richard Becker, Gail Benson, Michael Bergin, Shane Blodgett, Doug Bloom, Michael Bochnik, Joseph Borker, Jackie Bruskin, David Burg, Noah Burg, Thomas Burke, Carol Capobianco, Richard Chen, George Dadone, Barbara Dexter, Paul Doherty, Dale Dyer, Tom Fiore, Elise Fischer, Mike Freeman, Yolanda Garcia, Clare Gormon, Adele Gotlib, Toni Govan, Frank Guida, Orlando Hidalgo, Edmund Higgins, Sara Hopkins, Kelli Jewell, Jerry Kamlet, Rich Kelly, Brendan Keogh, David Krauss, David Kunstler, Carol Lange, Jean Loscacz, Yvonne Lynn, Christopher Lyons, George Mariani, Chuck McAlexander, David McIntyre, Lawrence McIntyre, Mark McIntyre, Eric Miller, Wayne Mones, Tim Moses, Steve Nanz, Ellen O Connell, Joe O Connell, Paul Oehrlein, Drew Panko, Bob Parker, Bruce Pataky, Liz Reif, Paul Renkin, Joe Ruggeri, Mike Russo, Janet Schamacher, Saul Scheinbach, Lynn Shaw, Stephen Sherman, Alan Soiefer, Sig Stangeland, Paul Steineck, Tom Stephenson, Sam Suharto, Andrew Towle, Nadia Valla, William Van Wart, Jim Vellozzi, Aaron Virgin, Bill Wallace, Steve Walter, Bob Wick, John Wick, Roz Wood, John Young.

Dutchess County

41... 41 N 73... 48 W, center w. entrance Baird S.P. 18 Dec 04. 10...-35... F AM clear; PM cloudy. Observers: 46; Total party hours 68.5.

Canada Goose 3902; Mute Swan 31; Wood Duck 2; Am. Black Duck 16; Mallard 1030; Ring-necked Duck 143; Hooded Merganser 1; Co. Merganser 10; **Red-breasted Merganser 11**; Ruddy Duck 20; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 161; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 13; Turkey Vulture 1; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Cooper's Hawk 7; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 85; **Peregrine Falcon 1**; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 435; Herring Gull 3; Great Black-backed Gull 3; Rock Pigeon 568; Mourning Dove 284; Great Horned Owl 2; Long-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 12; Red-bellied Woodpecker 58; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 138; Hairy Woodpecker 23; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 19; Pileated Woodpecker **14**; Blue Jay 213; Am. Crow 4000; Horned Lark 35; Black-capped Chickadee 341; Tufted Titmouse 222; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 97; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 38; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 197; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 372; No. Mockingbird 85; European Starling 3039; Cedar Waxwing 55; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 80; Field Sparrow 3; Fox Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 52; White-throated Sparrow 182; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 704; No. Cardinal **214**; Red-winged Blackbird 2; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 24; Brown-headed Cowbird 68; Purple Finch 11; House Finch 199; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 208; House Sparrow 338.

Totals: 70 species; 38,441 individuals. **Sponsor:** Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club. **Compiler:** William Case <becase@juno.com>. **Participants:** Janet Allison; John Balint; Barbara Butler; Tammy Carey; Betsy Carswell; William Case; William R. Case; Binnie Chase; Rosa Corbeels; Carisa & David Diaz; Bonnie and Bud Fair; Melisa Fisher; Richard Fitzgerald; Dorothy M. Fleury; Ken and Carol Fredericks; Steve Golladay; Rod Gonzalaz; Ruth Greenwood; Barry Haydasz; Fran Henry; Robert & Suzanne Infante; Art Jones; Robert Kendall; Kateri Kostek; Carmelita Liao; Barbara and Doug Mansell; Liz Martens;

Tully McElrath; Allan & Barbara Michelin; Krista Morris; Mona Payton; Maryanne Pitts; David Reygan; Marjorie Robinson; Howard Slocum; Johanna Tomik; Bert Vincent; Chester Vincent; Frederick Waterman; Robert Williams; Joe Woeleader.

East Orange County

41...29 N 74...09 W, center 0.5 mi. n. jct. 207 and Maple Avenue, New Windsor. 18 Dec 04. 17...38...F. AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 33; Total party hours 119.

Snow Goose 1; Canada Goose **8748**; Mute Swan 78; Am. Black Duck 268; Mallard 1279; No. Pintail 3; Ring-necked Duck 10; Bufflehead 6; Co. Goldeneye 5; Hooded Merganser 19; Co. Merganser 44 (low); Ruddy Duck 36; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Ruffed Grouse CW; Wild Turkey **176**; **Great Cormorant 3** (ND); Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 15; Turkey Vulture 1; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 9; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk **155**; Am. Kestrel 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; Killdeer 1; Ring-billed Gull 3430; Herring Gull **498**; Iceland Gull CW; Great Black-backed Gull **182**; Rock Pigeon **1049**; Mourning Dove 720; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 7; Barred Owl 2; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker **119**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9; Downy Woodpecker **248**; Hairy Woodpecker 33; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker **45**; Pileated Woodpecker **12**; Blue Jay 648; Am. Crow 7901; Fish Crow 5; Horned Lark 128; Black-capped Chickadee **635**; Tufted Titmouse **554**; White-breasted Nuthatch **199**; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren **52**; Winter Wren 7; Golden-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 103; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin **675**; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 82; European Starling 4312; Cedar Waxwing 207; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 2; Co. **Yellowthroat 2**; **Wilson's Warbler 1**; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 147; Field Sparrow **6**; Savannah Sparrow CW; Song Sparrow 68; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 465; White-crowned Sparrow 4; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 1156; Snow Bunting 5; No. Cardinal 270; Red-winged Blackbird 27; Rusty Blackbird 2; Co. Grackle **1723**; Brown-headed Cowbird **995**; House Finch 346; Am. Goldfinch 283; House Sparrow 630.

Totals: 80 species; 38,905 individuals. **Compiler:** Robert Slechta <robert.c.slechta@dynegy.com>. **Participants:** Ajit Antony; Liza Antony; Lynn Barber; Jodi Brodsky; Dick Champion; Sue Champion; Jeanne Cimorelli; Tom Crepet; Joe Cullen; Bill Fiero; Jayne Fiero; Fitz Fitzpatrick; Jan Fitzpatrick; Elaine Frost; Robert Frost; Grace Gloeckler; Bill Janonne; Judy Kelley-Moberg; Curt McDermott; Ken McDermott; Gerhard Patsch; Claudia Perretti; Robert Slechta; Steve Schuyler; Bob Senerchia; Kelly Sheridan; Robert Slechta; Herb Stein; Linda Strohl; John Tramontano; Jane Vecchione; Irene Warshauer; Carol Weiss; John Yrizarry.

Mohonk Lake —Ashokan Reservoir

41...51 N 74...08 W, center Ulster Co. Community Coll. 18 Dec 04; 5:00 am-5:00 pm; 14...32...F; Wind calm; Snow cover 0; Still water frozen; moving water open; AM clear; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 25 (20) in 8 parties (non-owling); 4 at feeders and 9 hours, 4.25 hours and 35.5 miles owling; Total party hours 55; party miles 288.5; 11.5 hours and 11.5 miles on foot; 43.5 hours and 277 miles by car.

Canada Goose 468; Mute Swan **14**; Am. Black Duck 43; Mallard 83; Bufflehead 4; Co. Goldeneye 10; Hooded Merganser 14; Co. Merganser 12; Wild Turkey **91**; Horned Grebe 1; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 8; Black Vulture **35**; Turkey Vulture **47**; Bald Eagle 1ad; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk **40**; Ring-billed Gull 244; Herring Gull 181; Iceland Gull CW; Great Black-backed Gull 14; gull sp. 38; Rock Pigeon 289; Mourning Dove 654; E. Screech-Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; Barred

Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 1; Red-bellied Woodpecker 38; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 85; Hairy Woodpecker 15; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 8; Blue Jay 157; Am. Crow 626; Co. Raven 5; Horned Lark 2; Black-capped Chickadee 262; Tufted Titmouse 192; Red-breasted Nuthatch 15; White-breasted Nuthatch 91; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren 17; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 14; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 73; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin 138; No. Mockingbird 28; European Starling 453; Cedar Waxwing 57; Am. Tree Sparrow 66; Field Sparrow 1; Song Sparrow 43; White-crowned Sparrow 94; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 354; No. Cardinal 128; Red-winged Blackbird 4; Co. Grackle 5; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; Purple Finch 4; House Finch 88; Am. Goldfinch 147; House Sparrow 622.

Totals: 64 species; 6,155 individuals. **Compiler:** Steve Chorvas <schorvas@verizon.net>. **Participants:** Anka Angrist; Al Bowdery; Lynn Bowdery; Steve Chorvas; Bea Conover; Mark DeDea; Jayne Dean; Lin Fagan; Paul Huth; John Kenney; Kellen Mortensen; Tristan Mortensen; Frank Murphy; Wayne Ramsey; Bob Rifenburg; Ev Rifenburg; Barbara Rubin; Thomas Sarro; Phil Smiley; Selden Spencer; Steve Stanne; John Thompson; Glen Van Gorden; Carol Weber; Hans Weber.

Monticello

41...34 N 74...38 W, center midpoint between Denton Falls & convergence Mullet Br. & Neversink R., 26 Dec 04; 4:30 am-5:00 pm; 8...-28... F; Wind NE 0-10 mph; Snow cover 0-1; Still water partly open; moving water open; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 14 in 5 parties (non-owling); 1 at feeders and 2 hours, 1 hours and 1.5 miles owling; Total party hours 42.25; party miles 325; 7 hours and 8 miles on foot; 35.25 hours and 317 miles by car.

Egyptian Goose 1 (FE); **Snow Goose 1**; Canada Goose 516; Wood Duck 1; Am. Black Duck 85; Mallard 324; Ring-necked Duck 1; Hooded Merganser 5; Co. Merganser 4; Wild Turkey 30; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 1; Bald Eagle 7; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-shouldered Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 10; Ring-billed Gull 118; Herring Gull 83; Great Black-backed Gull 2; Rock Pigeon 113; Mourning Dove 197; E. Screech-Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 14; Downy Woodpecker 64; Hairy Woodpecker 19; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 2; Pileated Woodpecker 2; Blue Jay 221; Am. Crow 243; Co. Raven 4; Black-capped Chickadee 422; Tufted Titmouse 139; Red-breasted Nuthatch 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 77; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren 8; Winter Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 17; E. Bluebird 9; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 15; No. Mockingbird 3; European Starling 365; Cedar Waxwing 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 133; Song Sparrow 22; White-throated Sparrow 11; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 367; No. Cardinal 78; Purple Finch 22; House Finch 75; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 149; House Sparrow 116.

Totals: 53 species; 4,139 individuals. **Sponsor:** Sullivan County Audubon Society. **Compiler:** Daniel Niven <dniven@audubon.org>. **Participants:** Arlene Borko; Renee Davis; Adrienne Dechon; Patrick Dechon; Bill Ferro; Valerie Freer; Scott Graber; John Haas; Tad Herman; Dick Hirshman; Phyllis Jones; Deanna Mendels; Daniel Niven; Daniel Niven; Kelly Sheridan.

Pawling (Hidden Valley)

41...32 N 73...34 W, center jet Akindale & Ravine Rds., Pawling, NY. 1 Dec 05; 34...50... F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 41 Total party hours 113.5.

Canada Goose 1554; Mute Swan 42; Am. Black Duck 22; Mallard 660; Bufflehead 10; Co. Goldeneye 6; Hooded Merganser 13; Co. Merganser 52; Ruddy Duck 18; Wild

Turkey 131; Co. Loon 1; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 2; Black Vulture 26; Turkey Vulture 8; Bald Eagle 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 1 (low); Cooper's Hawk 5; No. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 68; **Golden Eagle 1**; Am. Coot 20; Ring-billed Gull 1312; Herring Gull 120; Great Black-backed Gull 15; Rock Pigeon 109; Mourning Dove 258; E. Screech-Owl 16; Great Horned Owl 2; Barred Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 7; Red-bellied Woodpecker 40; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 121; Hairy Woodpecker 19; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 15; Pileated Woodpecker 10; No. Shrike 1; Blue Jay 103; Am. Crow 1160; Fish Crow 8; Co. Raven 10; Black-capped Chickadee 665; Tufted Titmouse 399; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted Nuthatch 184; Brown Creeper 10; Carolina Wren 31; Winter Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 48; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 154; Hermit Thrush 3; Am. Robin 474; Gray Catbird 2; No. Mockingbird 50; European Starling 1392; Am. Pipit 8; Cedar Waxwing 193; Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler 1; E. Towhee CW; Am. Tree Sparrow 51; Field Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 68; Swamp Sparrow 2; White-throated Sparrow 186; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 556; No. Cardinal 212; Red-winged Blackbird **105**; Rusty Blackbird 15; Brown-headed Cowbird 1; House Finch 244; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 135; House Sparrow 398.

Totals: 74 species; 11,577 individuals. **Compiler:** Carena Pooth <paulingcbe@watermanbirdclub.org> & Angela Dimmitt. **Participants:** John Askildsen; Pat Bailey; Don Breeger; Barbara Butler; Betsy Carswell; Bob Cartoceti; Binnie Chase; Angela Dimmitt; Peggy Fasciani; Dorothy Fleury; Ken Fredericks; Sibyll Gilbert; Carol Hamilton; Linton Hamilton; Carolyn Hartel; Kelly Liao; Bill Liedlich; Nancy Liedlich; Chris Luchini; Allan Michelin; Barbara Michelin; Judy Kelley Moberg; Nancy Nichols; Nancy Orr; Maryanne Pitts; Carena Pooth; Linda Potter; Sally Spence; Lauri Taylor; Nick Thold; Herb Thompson; Chet Vincent; Bill Wallace.

Peekskill

41...15 N 73...51 W, center s. e. of Peekskill. 18 Dec 05; 15...45...F; AM partly clear; PM clear. Observers: 36; Total party hours 106.

Snow Goose (white form) 1; **Brant 55**; Canada Goose **4267**; Mute Swan 125; Wood Duck 6; Gadwall 36; Am. Black Duck 175; Mallard 861; No. Shoveler 3; Am. Green-winged Teal 11; Canvasback 514; Ring-necked Duck 15; Greater Scaup 1; Lesser Scaup 19; Bufflehead 101; Co. Goldeneye 7; Hooded Merganser 144; Co. Merganser 272; Red-breasted Merganser 1; Ruddy Duck 465; Wild Turkey 37; Co. Loon 13; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Double-crested Cormorant 4; Great Cormorant 17; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 13; Black Vulture 12; Turkey Vulture 46; Bald Eagle 15; No. Harrier 3; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 4; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 59; Peregrine Falcon 2; Am. Coot 91; Ring-billed Gull 934; Herring Gull 132; Great Black-backed Gull 14; Mourning Dove 167; E. Screech-Owl 12; Great Horned Owl 7; Barred Owl 2; **Short-eared Owl 2**; Belted Kingfisher 14; Red-bellied Woodpecker 50; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 116; Hairy Woodpecker 25; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 6; Pileated Woodpecker 11; Blue Jay 92; Am. Crow 322; Co. Raven 2; Horned Lark 2; Black-capped Chickadee 406; Tufted Titmouse 253; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 103; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren 60; House Wren 2; Winter Wren **20**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 37; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 8; E. Bluebird 100; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 123; Gray Catbird 10; No. Mockingbird 83; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 1673; Am. Pipit 8; Cedar Waxwing 93; E. Towhee 1; Am. Tree Sparrow 251; Field Sparrow 10; **Lark Sparrow 1** (ND); Savannah Sparrow **60**; Fox Sparrow 8; Song Sparrow 247; Swamp Sparrow 9; White-throated Sparrow 482; **White-crowned Sparrow 4**; Dark-

eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 588; No. Cardinal 220; Red-winged Blackbird 113; E. Meadowlark 2; Rusty Blackbird 14; Co. Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 3; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 79; Am. Goldfinch 166; House Sparrow 535.

Totals: 96 species; 15,109 individuals. **Sponsors:** Bedford Audubon Society & Teatown Lake Reservation. **Compiler:** John Askildsen <jpa@bestweb.net>. **Participants:** John Askildsen; Trudy Battaly; Joan Becker; Peter Becker; Richard Becker; Michael Bochnik; Karen Brandt; Evan Edelbaum; Chris Gorman; Pat Grove; John Hannan; Kelli Jewell; Rik Kaufman; Michael Kogut; Berna Lincoln; Stanley Lincoln; Daniel Littrell; Richard Machin; Marty McGuire; Ryan McLean; Ralph Odell; Nannette Orr; Anne Osborn; Drew Panko; Rick Paris; Ana Pouso; Sean Prokter; Charlie Roberto; Anne Swaim; Jane Todd; Larry Trachtenberg; Henry Turner; James Utter; Gary Van Asselt; Joy Vertel; William Wallace; Tedor Whitman; Betty Wund.

Putnam County

41...24 N 73...48 W, center Tompkins Corners. 3 Jan 05; 6:00 am-4:00 pm; 26...-36... F; Wind var. 0-11 mph; Snow cover 0-1; Still water partly frozen; moving water partly frozen; AM clear; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 37 in 12-14 parties (non-owling); 7 hours and 30 miles owling; Total party hours 138.25; party miles 545.6; 70 hours and 82.2 miles on foot; 68.25 hours and 463.4 miles by car

Canada Goose 849; Mute Swan 24; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 1; Am. Black Duck 38; Mallard 276; Canvasback 10; Ring-necked Duck 23; Bufflehead 68; Co. Goldeneye 5; Hooded Merganser 248; Co. Merganser 2412; Ruddy Duck 16; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Ruffed Grouse 1; Wild Turkey 48; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Double-crested Cormorant 5; **Great Egret 1**; Black Vulture 69; Turkey Vulture 48; Bald Eagle 10; Sharp-shinned Hawk 3; Red-shouldered Hawk 2; Red-tailed Hawk 59; Am. Coot 1; Ring-billed Gull 446; Herring Gull 76; Great Black-backed Gull 14; Rock Pigeon 94; Mourning Dove 212; E. Screech-Owl 7; Great Horned Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 4; Red-bellied Woodpecker 52; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 7; Downy Woodpecker 182; Hairy Woodpecker 24; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 13; Blue Jay 109; Am. Crow 363; Co. Raven 10; Black-capped Chickadee 666; Tufted Titmouse 467; White-breasted Nuthatch 176; Brown Creeper 15; Carolina Wren 29; Winter Wren 15; Golden-crowned Kinglet 150; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1; E. Bluebird 110; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin 554; Gray Catbird 1; No. Mockingbird 28; European Starling 936; Cedar Waxwing 287; Am. Tree Sparrow 130; Fox Sparrow 2; Song Sparrow 82; Swamp Sparrow 11; White-throated Sparrow 278; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 670; No. Cardinal 210; Red-winged Blackbird 66; Co. Grackle 1; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 165; Am. Goldfinch 236; House Sparrow 287.

Totals: 70 species; 11,423 individuals. **Compiler:** Martin McGuire <ralph.odell@oprh.state.ny.us>. **Participants:** Jane Alexander; John Askildsen; Robert Brush; Patty Carano; Tom Carano; Betsy Carswell; Joe Cullen; Claudius Feger; Douglas Gochfeld; Michael Gochfeld; Robert Gochfeld; Angela Gorman; Chris Gorman; Christina Gorman; Teresa Gorman; Pat Grove; Suzanne Infante; Rik Kaufman; Judy Kelley; Ian Kingsley; Lew Kingsley; Berna Lincoln; Stan Lincoln; Daniel Littrell; Eliza Littrell; Martin McGuire; Alan Michelin; Barbara Michelin; Paul Moss; Ralph Odell; Charlie Roberto; Robert Slechta; Lauri Taylor; Larry Trachtenberg; Henry Turner; Bonnie VanAsselt; Gary VanAsselt; Bill Wallace.

Rockland County

41...08 N 73...58 W, center jct. Laurel & Brewery Roads, New City. 19 Dec 04; 5:30 am-4:45 pm; 33...-39... F; Wind calm; Snow cover 0 ; Still water frozen; moving water open; AM cloudy; PM light rain. Observers: 39 in 13 parties (non-owling); 12 at feeders and 22 hours; Total party hours 62.75; party miles 276.5; 43.25 hours and 48.5 miles on foot; 19.5 hours and 228 miles by car.

Snow Goose 21; Canada Goose 4049; Mute Swan 24; Gadwall 35; Am. Black Duck 83; Mallard 605; No. Shoveler 7; Am. Green-winged Teal 9; Canvasback 100; scaup sp. CW; Bufflehead 62; Co. Goldeneye 2; Hooded Merganser 44; Co. Merganser **3784**; Ruddy Duck 56; Wild Turkey 37; Co. Loon 1; Double-crested Cormorant 26; Great Cormorant 3; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) 14; Turkey Vulture 31; Bald Eagle 12; No. Harrier 2; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 43; Rough-legged Hawk CW; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 3; Am. Coot 1; **Wilson's Snipe CW**; Ring-billed Gull 1458; Herring Gull 29; Great Black-backed Gull 23; Rock Pigeon 712; Mourning Dove 578; E. Screech-Owl 8; Great Horned Owl **8**; Barred Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 46; Downy Woodpecker 140; Hairy Woodpecker 14; No. Flicker 9; Pileated Woodpecker 8; Blue Jay 55; Am. Crow 275; Co. Raven 2; Black-capped Chickadee 173; Tufted Titmouse 136; Red-breasted Nuthatch 2; White-breasted Nuthatch 57; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren **42**; Winter Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 27; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin **375**; Gray Catbird 2; No. Mockingbird 55; European Starling 3479; Cedar Waxwing 83; Am. Tree Sparrow 86; Field Sparrow 7; Savannah Sparrow 4; Fox Sparrow 4; Song Sparrow 153; Swamp Sparrow 1; White-throated Sparrow 259; Dark-eyed Junco 578; No. Cardinal 174; Red-winged Blackbird 3029; Rusty Blackbird 5; Co. Grackle 9; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 140; Am. Goldfinch 143; House Sparrow 456.

Totals: 75 species; 21,934 individuals. **Sponsor:** Rockland Audubon Society. **Compiler:** Alan Wells <awells@bestweb.net>. **Participants:** Debbie Bell; Frank Bonanno, Jr.; Simon Bonner; Eugene Brown; Ruth Carlson; Drew Ciganik; Glenys Foster Roberts; Susan Freiman; Anne French; Padraic French; Elyse Fuller; Tom Fuller; Joanna Galdone; Stephanie Garber; Anita Gossett; Tom Harten; Gene Herskovics; Marianne Jenkins; Anna Kaufer; Sam Kaufer; Sara Kaufer; Karl Knoecklein; Bonnie Koop; Veronika Krause; Alice Luddington; Alyssa MacLean; Ken McNichol; Marsha Meyer; Ellen Micelli; Tom Micelli; Donna Nye; Robert Olley; Vince Plogar; Jim Previdi; Joan Totton; Jessie Traband; Carol Weiss; Alan Wells; Della Wells.

Greenwich-Stamford

41...05 N 73...37 W, center Greenwich, ca. 0.5 mi. s. Merritt Pkwy, 0.5 m. e. North Street. 19 Dec 04; 12:30 am-5:00 pm; 32...-41... F; Wind var 0-10 mph; Snow cover 0 ; Still water partly frozen; moving water open; AM cloudy; PM partly clear. Observers: 69 (68) in 35-38 parties (non-owling); 22 at feeders, 48.5 hours and 141 miles owling; Total party hours 253.25; party miles 679.5; 169.75 hours and 117 miles on foot; 77.5 hours and 562.5 miles by car.

Snow Goose (white form) 2; Brant 122; Canada Goose 3240; Mute Swan 57; Wood Duck 3; Gadwall 52; **Eurasian Wigeon 1**; Am. Wigeon 15 (low); Am. Black Duck 331; Mallard 1125; **Blue-winged Teal 1**; No. Pintail 1; Green-winged Teal 4; Ring-necked Duck 102; Lesser Scaup 1; scaup sp. 1; Surf Scoter 1; Long-tailed Duck 205; Bufflehead 358; Co. Goldeneye 270; Hooded Merganser 244; Co. Merganser 1288; Red-breasted Merganser 362; Ruddy Duck 31; Wild Turkey **198**; Red-throated Loon **78**; Co. Loon **21**; Pied-billed Grebe 6; Horned Grebe 23; No. Gannet 2; Double-crested Cormorant **13**; Great

Cormorant 57; Great Blue Heron (Blue form) **52**; **Great Egret 1**; Turkey Vulture 52; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 1; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk 14; No. Goshawk 1; Red-shouldered Hawk 4; Red-tailed Hawk 70; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 1; **Sora 1**; Am. Coot 2; Black-bellied Plover 11; Killdeer 12; Ruddy Turnstone 4; Purple Sandpiper 3; Am. Woodcock 1; Bonaparte's Gull 49; Ring-billed Gull 1106; Herring Gull 1208; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 110; Rock Pigeon 758; Mourning Dove 906; Monk Parakeet **112**; E. Screech-Owl 61; Great Horned Owl 19; Barred Owl 5; Belted Kingfisher 24; Red-bellied Woodpecker 151; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5; Downy Woodpecker 262; Hairy Woodpecker 54; No. (Yellow-shafted) Flicker 23; Pileated Woodpecker 15; E. Phoebe 2; **No. Shrike 1**; Blue Jay 361; Am. Crow 771; Fish Crow 7; **Co. Raven 1**; Horned Lark 2; Black-capped Chickadee 697; Tufted Titmouse 607; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 245; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren 119; **House Wren 1**; Winter Wren **25**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 44; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 60; Hermit Thrush 19; Am. Robin 733; Gray Catbird 9; No. Mockingbird 118; European Starling 3471; Am. Pipit 1; Cedar Waxwing **586**; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 7; E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 11 (low); Chipping Sparrow 1; **Vesper Sparrow 1**; Fox Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 369; Swamp Sparrow 10; White-throated Sparrow 944; White-crowned Sparrow 1; Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco 1263; No. Cardinal 426; Red-winged Blackbird 14; Rusty Blackbird **48**; Co. Grackle 66; Brown-headed Cowbird 8; Purple Finch 7; House Finch 620; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 417; House Sparrow 1136.

Totals: 115 species; 26,581 individuals. **Sponsor:** Audubon Greenwich. **Compilers:** Brian O Toole <otoole29@yahoo.com> & Gary Palmer. **Participants:** Michael Aurelia; Pat Bailey; Tom Baptist; Trudy Battaly; Joan Becker; Richard Becker; Joe Belanger; Gail Benson; Michael Bochnik; Jacqueline Bruskin; Thomas Burke; Bob Burns; Iao Byrne; Al Collins; Max Collins; Jeff Cordulack; Annette Cuniffe; Peter Davenport; Patrick Dugan; Cynthia Ehlinger; Debbie Ethridge; Victor Evans; Bruce Fletcher; Kathy Gellman; Ted Gilman; Claire Gladstone; Jacob Graff; Samuel Graff; Frank Guida; Timothy Guida; Carol Hartel; Dave Havens; Edward Henrey; Kelli Jewell; Elsbeth Johnson; Don Kirk; Jim MacLean; Bill Machem; Ryan Maclean; Shaun Martin; Stefan Martin; Janet Mehmelt; Mike Moccio; Tim Moses; Brian O Toole; Gary Palmer; Drew Panko; Liz Pomper; Matt Popp; Samantha Ricker; Stephen Ricker; Hadley Roe; Libby Ross; Polly Rothstein; Peter Rucci; Meredith Sampson; Mike Schmehl; Martin Swanhall; Andy Towle; Rob Towle; Jim Utter; William Van Loan; James Vellozzi; Aaron Virgin; Jim Voros; Bill Wallace; Jack Wells; Dave Wright.

Region 10—Marine

Brooklyn

40...36 N 73...56 W, center Kings Hwy & Nostrand Ave. 18 Dec 04. 25...-33...F; AM clear; PM partly cloudy. Observers: 75; Total party hours 9.

Snow Goose 308; Atlantic Brant 10537; Canada Goose 902; Mute Swan **91**; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 91; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 330; Am. Black Duck 536; Mallard 726; No. Shoveler **534**; No. Pintail 2; Am. Green-winged Teal 81; Canvasback 27; Ring-necked Duck 4; Greater Scaup 1059; Lesser Scaup 26; Co. Eider 1; Surf Scoter 4; White-winged Scoter 3; scoter sp. 18; Long-tailed Duck 166; Bufflehead 667; Co. Goldeneye 17; Hooded Merganser 41; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 763; Ruddy Duck 115; Ring-necked Pheasant 10; Red-throated Loon 18; Co. Loon 30; Pied-billed Grebe 11;

Horned Grebe 119; Red-necked Grebe 2; No. Gannet 47; Double-crested Cormorant 134; Great Cormorant 80; Great Blue Heron 17; **Great Egret 1; Little Blue Heron 1** (ND); Black-crowned Night-Heron 5; **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 1** (ph); No. Harrier 15; Sharp-shinned Hawk 6; Cooper's Hawk 9; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 15; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 5; Am. Coot 135; Black-bellied Plover 2; Killdeer 5; Greater Yellowlegs 4; Sanderling 125; Purple Sandpiper 39; Dunlin 16; Am. Woodcock 4; Bonaparte's Gull 20; Ring-billed Gull 4079; Herring Gull 1904; **Glaucous Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 449; **Razorbill 1** (ND); Rock Pigeon cw; Mourning Dove 327; Barn Owl 1; Snowy Owl cw; Short-eared Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 5; Red-bellied Woodpecker 18; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9; Downy Woodpecker 73; Hairy Woodpecker 6; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 30; **Ash-throated Flycatcher 2** (ND); Blue Jay 102; Am. Crow 292; Fish Crow 164; Horned Lark 44; **Tree Swallow 1**; Black-capped Chickadee 28; Tufted Titmouse 61; Red-breasted Nuthatch 43; White-breasted Nuthatch 64; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren 16; Winter Wren 5; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 1; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 16; Am. Robin 249; Gray Catbird 11; No. Mockingbird 100; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 2113; Cedar Waxwing 78; **Nashville Warbler 1** (ND); **Yellow Warbler 1** (ph); Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 437; Palm Warbler 2; Co. Yellowthroat 3; **Yellow-breasted Chat 1** (ND); E. Towhee 4; Am. Tree Sparrow 140; Chipping Sparrow 3; Field Sparrow 8; Vesper Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 16; Ipswich Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 12; Song Sparrow 309; **Lincoln's Sparrow 1** (ND); Swamp Sparrow 21; White-throated Sparrow 438; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 434; Snow Bunting 58; No. Cardinal 168; Red-winged Blackbird 31; E. Meadowlark 8; Rusty Blackbird 1; Co. Grackle 2; Boat-tailed Grackle 6; Brown-headed Cowbird 80; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 148; Am. Goldfinch 200; House Sparrow 339.

Total: 129 species. **Compilers:** Paul Keim. **Participants:** Karen Asakawa, Linda Atkins, Ronald & Jean Bourque, Shane Blodgett, Valerie Bull, Roberto Cavalieros, Rick Cech, Edward Crowne, Donald Dains, Peter Dorosh, Dale Dyer, Kim Edwin, Ron Ellard, Mary J. Eyster, Betty Frumkin, Gaye Fugate, Joe Giunta, Emily Goldstein, Verant Gonzale, Dennis Gurney, Felisa Guzman, Don Hall, Valery Heidt, Rob Jett, Marion Khonin, Jeffrey Kimball, Ellen Kornhauser, G. Layton, Anne Lazarys, Barbara Logan, Bob Machover, Pat Mazza, Chuck McAlexander, Betsy McCully, Steve & Heidi Nanz, Arleen O'Brien, Emily Peyton, Tom Preston, Hope Quennell, Sandra Reynolds, Hilary Salk, Eric Salzman, Starr Saphir, Christine & James Scanlon, Mark Shahon, Sean Sime, Tom Stephenson, Richard Stromp, Lenore Swenson, Aaron Virgir, Louise Voccoli, Neil Walsh, Matthew Wills, Marisa Wohl, Michael Zablocky, Bill Jeffrey.

Captree

40...42 N 73... 15 W, center mouth Brightwaters Canal. 19 Dec 19 04. 26...-34... F. AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers: 29; Total party-hours 97.

Snow Goose 1; Atlantic Brant 1165; Canada Goose 2972; Mute Swan 82; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 183; Am. Wigeon 119; Am. Black Duck 1348; Mallard 1090; No. Shoveler 5 (low); No. Pintail 3; Am. Green-winged Teal 34; duck sp. 500; Canvasback 12 (low); Redhead 34; Ring-necked Duck 137; Greater Scaup 304; Lesser Scaup 76; Surf Scoter 6; White-winged Scoter 12; Black Scoter 186; scoter sp. 170; Long-tailed Duck 159; Bufflehead 2626; Co. Goldeneye 77; Hooded Merganser 488; Co. Merganser 2; Red-breasted Merganser 400; Ruddy Duck 81; Wild Turkey 1; No. Bobwhite 7; Red-throated Loon 47; Co. Loon 63; Pied-billed Grebe 8; Horned Grebe 4; No. Gannet 19; Double-crested Cormorant 4; Great Cormorant 6; Am. Bittern 2; Great Blue Heron 67; **Great**

Egret 4; Black-crowned Night-Heron 4; No. Harrier 13; Sharp-shinned Hawk 17; Cooper's Hawk 3; **Accipiter** sp. 1; **Red-shouldered Hawk 1**; Red-tailed Hawk 10; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 2; Peregrine Falcon 6; Am. Coot 14; Black-bellied Plover 28; Killdeer 8; Greater Yellowlegs 1; **Red Knot 1**; Sanderling 75; Dunlin 188; Wilson's Snipe 2; Bonaparte's Gull 106; Ring-billed Gull 1808; Herring Gull 992; Great Black-backed Gull 195; Rock Pigeon 370; Mourning Dove 298; E. Screech-Owl 6; Great Horned Owl 2; Snowy Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 14; Red-bellied Woodpecker 41; Downy Woodpecker 59; Hairy Woodpecker 21; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 43; Blue Jay 110; Am. Crow 308; Fish Crow 40; Horned Lark 16; Tree Swallow 2; Black-capped Chickadee 271; Tufted Titmouse 72; Red-breasted Nuthatch 36; White-breasted Nuthatch 37; Brown Creeper 5; Carolina Wren 72; Winter Wren 6; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 38; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; E. Bluebird 1; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin 468; Gray Catbird 11; No. Mockingbird 101; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 2758; Cedar Waxwing 95; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 305; **Pine Warbler 1**; **Canada Warbler 1** (GD); E. Towhee 7; Am. Tree Sparrow 65; Chipping Sparrow 3; Field Sparrow 17; Savannah Sparrow 9; Fox Sparrow 7; Song Sparrow 228; Swamp Sparrow 18; White-throated Sparrow 226; E. White-crowned Sparrow 1; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 88; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 308; No. Cardinal 137; Red-winged Blackbird 8; E. Meadowlark 1; Co. Grackle 2; Brown-headed Cowbird 60; House Finch 76; Am. Goldfinch 117; House Sparrow 522.

Total: 117 species. **Compiler:** Mike Cooper. **Participants:** Jim Clinton, Jim Clinton, Jr., Michael Cooper, Steve D Amato, Ed Davis, Ken Feustel, Sue Feustel, Jack Foehrenbach, Gerta Fritz, John Fritz, John Gluth, Bob Grover, Joel Horman, Margaret Horman, Doris Kaufman, Rich Kelly, Bob Kurtz, Pat Lindsay, Bob Meissler, Helga Merryman, Larry Merryman, Kathleen O Connor, Peter Palumbo, Bob Paxton, Jim Romansky, Ed Smith, Ken Thompson, Edith Wilson, Robert Wilson.

Central Suffolk

40...50 N 72...47 W, center se Manorville. 26 Dec 04; 5:30 am-7:00 pm; 27...-34... F; Wind N 8-12 mph; Snow cover 0-0.1; Still water open; moving water open; AM partly cloudy; PM cloudy with light snow. Observers: 40 in 14-16 parties; 4.25 hours and 45.5 miles owling; Total party hours 120.5; party miles 468; 73.75 hours and 61 miles on foot; 46.75 hours and 407 miles by car.

Atlantic Brant 881; Canada Goose 3311; Mute Swan 382; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 53; Am. Wigeon 48; Am. Black Duck 1425; Mallard 1810; No. Shoveler 1; No. Pintail 20; Am. Green-winged Teal 15; Canvasback 60 (low); Redhead 14 (low); Ring-necked Duck 287; Greater Scaup 426 (low); Lesser Scaup 17 (low); scaup sp. 20; **King Eider 1**; Co. Eider 9; Surf Scoter 2457; White-winged Scoter 65 (low); Black Scoter 3885; scoter sp. 8000; Long-tailed Duck 181; Bufflehead 125; Co. Goldeneye 79 (low); Hooded Merganser 268; Red-breasted Merganser 1267; Ruddy Duck 9 (low); Ring-necked Pheasant 2 (low); Wild Turkey 77; No. Bobwhite 2 (low); Red-throated Loon 76; Co. Loon 33; Pied-billed Grebe 1 (low); Horned Grebe 12; **Red-necked Grebe 1**; No. Gannet 15; Double-crested Cormorant 8; Great Cormorant 1; cormorant sp. 1; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 32; **Great Egret 1**; Black-crowned Night-Heron 4; **Bald Eagle 1** (1 imm); No. Harrier 13; Sharp-shinned Hawk 9; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 21; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 2 (low); Merlin 2; Am. Coot 13 (low); Black-bellied Plover 258; Killdeer 1 (low); **Am. Oystercatcher 1**; Greater Yellowlegs 5; Ruddy Turnstone 1; Red Knot 3; Sanderling 590; Purple Sandpiper 1; Dunlin 1212; Bonaparte's Gull 352; Ring-billed Gull 1117; Herring Gull 2666; Iceland Gull 1; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; Great Black-

backed Gull 325; **Black-legged Kittiwake 3**; **Razorbill 1**; Rock Pigeon 311; Mourning Dove 318; E Screech-Owl 13; Great Horned Owl 4; Snowy Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 16; Red-bellied Woodpecker 43; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 36; Hairy Woodpecker 4 (low); Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 31; Blue Jay 105; Am. Crow 186 (low); Fish Crow 1; Horned Lark 6 (low); Black-capped Chickadee 259; Tufted Titmouse 76; Red-breasted Nuthatch 8; White-breasted Nuthatch 51; Brown Creeper 12; Carolina Wren 75; Winter Wren 5; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 70; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 7; Hermit Thrush 13; Am. Robin **762**; Gray Catbird 7; No. Mockingbird 59; Brown Thrasher 7; European Starling 6477; Cedar Waxwing 75; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 119; Pine Warbler 2; Palm Warbler 4; E. Towhee 11; Am. Tree Sparrow 51; Field Sparrow 64; Savannah Sparrow 9 (low); **Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow 2**; Fox Sparrow 9; Song Sparrow 149; Swamp Sparrow 14; White-throated Sparrow 303; E. White-crowned Sparrow 3; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 326; Snow Bunting 70; No. Cardinal 119; Red-winged Blackbird 39 (low); E. Meadowlark 9 (low); Co. Grackle 6 (low); Brown-headed Cowbird 1 (low); Purple Finch 2 (low); House Finch 89; Pine Siskin 1; Am. Goldfinch 106; House Sparrow 242.

Totals: 126 species; 42,782 individuals. **Sponsor:** Eastern Long Island Audubon Society. **Compiler:** Jim Clinton, Sr. <cliwren@aol.com>. **Participants:** Andrew Baldelli, Jim Benson, Susan Benson, Steve Biasetti, Chris Bustamante, Vicki Bustamante, Chris Cleary, Emma Cleary, Michael Cleary, Simon Cleary, Jennifer Clement, James Clinton Jr., Mike Cooper, Marilyn England, Jason Flynn, John Gluth, Bob Grover, Craig Johann, Ed Johann, Pete Johann, Jay Kuhlman, Susan Kuhlman, Mary Laura Lamont, Don MacKenzie, Sally McIntosh, John McNeal, Rick Mohlmann, Darlene Moore, Tamara Moore, Daniel Morris, Kathleen O Connor, Alice Osterlund, James Osterlund, Eleanor Poloshock, Joe Poloshock, Peter Puleston, Lee Stanley, Carl Starace, Sally Swain

Lower Hudson

40...46 N 73...39 W, center NY-NJ border off 60th St., Manhattan. 19 Dec 04; 8:00 am-12:30 pm; 32...42... F; Wind ? 5-8 mph; Snow cover 0; Still water open; moving water open; AM partly cloudy; PM clear. Observers: 104 in 21 parties; 0 hours and 0 miles owling; Total party hours 129; party miles 40; 126 hours and 24 miles on foot; 3 hours and 16 miles by car.

Snow Goose cw; Atlantic Brant 747; Canada Goose 1571; Mute Swan 15; Gadwall 193; Am. Wigeon 7; Am. Black Duck 364; Mallard 1345; No. Shoveler 210; No. Pintail 132; Am. Green-winged Teal 1213; Canvasback 245; Greater Scaup 140; Lesser Scaup 6; Bufflehead 118; Co. Goldeneye 18; Hooded Merganser 52; Co. Merganser 159; Red-breasted Merganser 26; Ruddy Duck 224; Ring-necked Pheasant 4; Wild Turkey 7; Red-throated Loon 1; Co. Loon cw; Pied-billed Grebe 7; Horned Grebe 5; Double-crested Cormorant 170; Great Cormorant cw; Great Blue Heron 19; Great Egret 12; Black-crowned Night-Heron 71; Turkey Vulture cw; Bald Eagle 1; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 11; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; **Broad-winged Hawk 1 (ND) [LD]**; Red-tailed Hawk 67; Am. Kestrel 6; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 7; Am. Coot 13; Killdeer 13; Greater Yellowlegs 1; Dunlin 95; Wilson's Snipe cw; Am. Woodcock 1; Laughing Gull cw; Ring-billed Gull 3415; Herring Gull 1642; Great Black-backed Gull 381; Rock Pigeon 3088; Mourning Dove 377; Barn Owl 2; Great Horned Owl 1; Long-eared Owl cw; **Boreal Owl 1 (PS,MO)**; No. Saw Whet Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 10; Red-bellied Woodpecker 36; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 19; Downy Woodpecker 120; Hairy Woodpecker 10; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 8; Blue Jay 181; Am. Crow 188; Fish Crow 26; **Co. Raven 1**; Black-capped Chickadee 300; Tufted Titmouse 333; Red-breasted Nuthatch 1; White-breasted

Nuthatch 141; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 25; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 6; Marsh Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 7; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; Hermit Thrush 10; Am. Robin 320; Gray Catbird 5; No. Mockingbird 98; European Starling 4496; Am. Pipit 2; Cedar Waxwing 29; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; **Wilson's Warbler** 1; Yellow-breasted Chat cw; Am. Tree Sparrow 198; Chipping Sparrow 4; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 75; Fox Sparrow 14; Song Sparrow 325; Swamp Sparrow 20; White-throated Sparrow 659; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 243; No. Cardinal 181; Red-winged Blackbird 127; E. Meadowlark 2; Co. Grackle 23; Baltimore Oriole 1; House Finch 174; Am. Goldfinch 304; House Sparrow 2115.

Totals: 101 species; 27,151 individuals. **Sponsor:** New York City Audubon. **Compiler:** Yigal Gelb & Starr Saphir. **Participants:** Elane Abse, Michael Allen, Rowley Amato, Karen Asakawa, Steve Baldwin, Catherine Barron, Peter Belamarich, MD, Carl Bernzweig, Cliff Bernzweig, Michelle Blackowski, Heather Blackowski, Claude Bloch, Frank Bobowski, Elise Boeger, Ed Borowik, Michael Britt, Bob Brophy, Mattori Burnbaum, Janet Castelpiesta, John Criscitiello, John Day, Judy Day, Leslie Day, James Demes, Alice Deutsch, Joseph DiCostanzo, Cynthia Doty, Liz Duchovni, Peter Duchovni, Dorothy Duncan, George Duncan, Paul Duncan, Sarah Elliott, Ed Fagan, Dan Fahrback, Tom Fiore, Marcia Fowle, Mike Freeman, Gaye Fugate, Pat Fuller, Jack Fuller, Kevin Fuller, Karen Fung, Yolanda Garcia, Joy Garland, Dick Gershon, Andrew Gershon, Leslie Gershon, Adele Gotlib, Scott Haber, Carolyn Hahn, Betty Hamilton, Dawn Hannay, Chris Harrington, Janine Harris, Peter Haskell, Henry Hass, Mike Hiotis, Allen Hutcheson, Laura Jacobs, Jerry Kamlet, Sharon Kass, Lynn Kraus, Jeff Kraus, David Krauss, Robert Krinsky, Simone Lane, Anne Lazarus, J. Arthur Le Moine, Gretta Lee, Sue Lee, Eve Levine, Pat Levine, Richard Lieberman, Frederic Lilien, Griffin Littell, Chris Lyons, Harry Maas, Glenn Mahler, Glenn Mahler, Adam Margolies, Frank Markus, David Marshall, Sandra Maury, E. J. McAdams, Chuck McAlexander, Anne McCollough, James McCollough, Brian McPhillips, Bruce McWhorter, Helen Mencher, Melvin Mencher, Alan Messer, Felicia Michael, Eileen Mohler, Malcolm Morris, Peter Mott, Geoffrey Nulle, Sharon O Connell, Neil O Hara, Suzanne Ortiz, Sandra Paci, Josephine Parrilla, Wendy Paulson, Irene Payne, Patty Pike, Dorothy Poole, Peter Post, Ted Proctor, Kellie Quinones, Luanne Rice, David Rosane, Lewis Rosenberg, Geoffrey Cobb Ryan, Starr Saphir, Susan Schulz, Steve Seegmiller, Steve Seegmiller, Pete Shen, Kyle Spendiff, Lloyd Spkalnik, Brian St. Clair, Lee Stinchcomb, Michael Stubblefield, Phil Sussman, Junko Suzuki, Lenore Swenson, Eleanor Tauber, Denise Trezza, Bill Valentine, Robin Villa, Kathy von Hartz, Carl Vornberger, John Walsh, Nancy Ward, Laura Weinburger, Sally Weiner, Joan C. Weiss, James Wolcott, Chris Woods.

Montauk

41...03 N 72...00 W, center 2 mi. n Rocky Pt. 18 Dec 04; 20...-45... F; AM clear; PM cloudy. Observers: 51; Total party hours 175.75.

Snow Goose 1; Atlantic Brant 12; Canada Goose 1233; Mute Swan 74; Tundra Swan 2; Gadwall 50; Am. Wigeon 142; Am. Black Duck 564; Mallard 270; No. Pintail 1; Am. Green-winged Teal 7; Canvasback 83; Ring-necked Duck 83; Greater Scaup 231; Lesser Scaup 2; King Eider 3; Co. Eider 1550; Harlequin Duck 5; Surf Scoter 3727; White-winged Scoter 8919; Black Scoter 5278; scoter sp. 951; Long-tailed Duck 965; Bufflehead 301; Co. Goldeneye 667; Hooded Merganser 37; Red-breasted Merganser 1267; Ruddy Duck 200; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; Wild Turkey 66; Red-throated Loon 1029; **Pacific Loon** cw; Co. Loon 974; Pied-billed Grebe 6; Horned Grebe 111; Red-necked Grebe 3; No. Gannet 371; Double-crested Cormorant 48; Great Cormorant 33; cormorant sp. 3;

Great Blue Heron 38; Bald Eagle 2; No. Harrier 8; Sharp-shinned Hawk 13; Cooper's Hawk 4; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk 26; Rough-legged Hawk 3; Merlin 4; Virginia Rail 6; Am. Coot 8; Black-bellied Plover 40; Ruddy Turnstone 31; Sanderling 274; Purple Sandpiper 21; Dunlin 109; Wilson's Snipe 3; Am. Woodcock 5; Little Gull 1; Bonaparte's Gull 323; Ring-billed Gull 274; Herring Gull 2491; Lesser Black-backed Gull 3; Glaucous Gull cw; Great Black-backed Gull 491; Black-legged Kittiwake 31; Razorbill 258; alcid sp. 4; Rock Pigeon 141; Mourning Dove 451; E. Screech-Owl 31; Great Horned Owl 7; Snowy Owl 1; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 57; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 11; Downy Woodpecker 95; Hairy Woodpecker 14; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 98; Blue Jay 444; Am. Crow 785; crow sp. 1; Horned Lark 28; Black-capped Chickadee 579; Tufted Titmouse 86; Red-breasted Nuthatch 45; White-breasted Nuthatch 56; Brown Creeper 9; Carolina Wren 200; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 19; Marsh Wren 3; Golden-crowned Kinglet 31; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 1** (ND); E. Bluebird 31; Hermit Thrush 33; Am. Robin 582; Gray Catbird 20; No. Mockingbird 185; Brown Thrasher 7; European Starling 2887; Cedar Waxwing 47; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 176; Pine Warbler 2; Palm Warbler 2; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 14; Am. Tree Sparrow 92; Chipping Sparrow 19; Field Sparrow 38; Savannah Sparrow 22; Ipswich Savannah Sparrow 1; sharp-tailed sparrow sp. 2; Fox Sparrow 13; Song Sparrow 464; Swamp Sparrow 24; White-throated Sparrow 525; E. White-crowned Sparrow 2; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 262; Snow Bunting 99; No. Cardinal 303; **Rose-breasted Grosbeak cw**; Red-winged Blackbird 226; E. Meadowlark 60; Co. Grackle 4; Brown-headed Cowbird 16; Baltimore Oriole 2; Purple Finch 2; House Finch 328; Co. Redpoll 2; Pine Siskin 2; Am. Goldfinch 228; House Sparrow 689.

Total: 127 species. **Compilers:** Jim Ash & Hugh McGuinness <hmcguinness@ross.org>. **Participants:** Jim Ash, Linda Badkin Badkin, Gail Benson, Barbara Blaisdell, Tom Brown, John Brush, Thomas Burke, Vicki Bustamante, Theodore Chase, Nicholas Cinque, Terry Clarke, Tom Crowley, Steve D Amato, Andrew Farnsworth, Doug Futuyma, John Gluth, Mark Gordon, Robert Grover, Andrew Guthrie, Kenneth Homan, Sandra Hunter, Brian Kane, Rich Kelly, Bob Kurtz, Mary Laura & Eric Lamont, Patricia Lindsay, Hugh McGuinness, Mary & Tom Morgan, Luci Betti Nash, Bruce Pataky, Bob & Sarah Paxton-Plimpton, Bryan Pfeiffer, Peter Polshek, Richard Prum, Chris Roberts, Barbara Rubinstein, Karen Rubinstein, Patrick Santinello, Jarrod Santora, Terry & Nick Stephens-Stein, Dan Stoebel, Peter Stoutenburgh, Diana Teta, Guy Tudor, Tim White.

Northern Nassau County

40...52 N 73...36 W, center jct. Piping Rock & Duck Pond Rds. 19 Dec 2004; 38...50... F; AM cloudy; PM cloudy. Observers:53; Total party hours 138.25.

Snow Goose 126; Atlantic Brant 238; Canada Goose 5727; Mute Swan 118; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 95; Eurasian Wigeon 15; Am. Black Duck 740; Mallard 1226; No. Shoveler 9; No. Pintail 4; Am. Green-winged Teal 36; Canvasback 50; Ring-necked Duck 22; Greater Scaup 484; Lesser Scaup 1; Surf Scoter 5; White-winged Scoter 153; Long-tailed Duck 325; Bufflehead 367; Co. Goldeneye 216; **Barrow's Goldeneye 1**; Hooded Merganser 103; Red-breasted Merganser 240; Ruddy Duck 38; Ring-necked Pheasant 1; Wild Turkey 8; Red-throated Loon 36; Co. Loon 46; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 42; No. Gannet 1; Double-crested Cormorant 31; Great Cormorant 7; Great Blue Heron 42; Great Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 3; **Osprey 1** (ND); Sharp-shinned Hawk 5; Cooper's Hawk 8; No. Goshawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 39; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 4; Virginia Rail 2; Black-bellied Plover 19; Killdeer 16; Greater Yellowlegs 6; Sanderling 37; Purple Sandpiper 9; Dunlin 5; Ring-billed Gull 1784;

Herring Gull 835; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 85; Rock Pigeon 501; Mourning Dove 416; E. Screech-Owl 11; Great Horned Owl 6; Long-eared Owl 2; Belted Kingfisher 24; Red-bellied Woodpecker 93; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 128; Hairy Woodpecker 30; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 22; Blue Jay 68; Am. Crow 319; Fish Crow 6; Black-capped Chickadee 314; Tufted Titmouse 99; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 73; Brown Creeper 6; Carolina Wren 80; House Wren 3; Winter Wren 12; Golden-crowned Kinglet 83; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4; E. Bluebird 10; Hermit Thrush 9; Am. Robin 404; Gray Catbird 13; No. Mockingbird 79; European Starling 2351; Cedar Waxwing 115; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 8; E. Towhee 8; Am. Tree Sparrow 16; Chipping Sparrow 2; Savannah Sparrow 6; sharp-tailed sparrow sp. 2; Fox Sparrow 10; Song Sparrow 211; **Lincoln's Sparrow 1**; Swamp Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 605; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 267; Snow Bunting 3; No. Cardinal 249; Red-winged Blackbird 5; Rusty Blackbird 16; Co. Grackle 1; House Finch 77; Am. Goldfinch 288; House Sparrow 529.

Totals: 107 species. **Compiler:** Mary Normandia. **Participants:** Ed Becker, Sharon Brody, Marc Brody, Blair Broughton, Karl Brummert, Lauren Bryde, Ralph Cioffi, John Collins, Barbara Connolly, Sam Crosby, Henry Dam, Virginia Dankel, Mary Eschwei, Catherine Fitts, J. J. Frey, David Gillen, Rick Kedenburg, Linda Kedenburg, Maria Kelly, David Klauber, Norman Klein, Paul Lammardo, Allan Lindberg, Lois Lindberg, Jim Madden, Ginger Mahoney, Dan Mahoney, Bob May, Helen McClure, Laura McKellar, Marvin Meirs, Herb Mills, Charlotte Miska, Lindy Nielsen, Mary Normandia, Theresa Perez, Jennifer Pines, Jamie Pines, Zu Proly, Glenn Quinn, William Reeves, Mark Robinson, Vinnie Schiappa, Alie Shaper, Dominique Shimizo, John Taylor, Russell Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Joanne Tow, Jason Wanaselja, Peter Warny Jr, Peter Warny, Nancy Warny.

Orient

41...06 N 72...20 W, center Hay Beach on n tip Shelter 1. 1 Jan 2005; 35-50F; AM clear; PM clear. Observers: 63; Total party hours 162.5.

Atlantic Brant 3; Canada Goose 3298; Mute Swan 79; Am. Black Duck 1029; Mallard 710; No. Pintail 6; Canvasback 27; Ring-necked Duck 2; Greater Scaup 24; Harlequin Duck 2; Surf Scoter 413; White-winged Scoter 402 (low); Black Scoter 14; Long-tailed Duck 1275; Bufflehead 844; Co. Goldeneye 1049; Hooded Merganser 34; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 890; Ring-necked Pheasant 2; No. Bobwhite 18; Red-throated Loon 13; Co. Loon 155; Horned Grebe 128; Red-necked Grebe 3; No. Gannet 10; Double-crested Cormorant 3; Great Cormorant 24; Great Blue Heron 57; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1; **Bald Eagle 2**; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 15; Cooper's Hawk 3; Red-tailed Hawk 25; Rough-legged Hawk 1; Am. Kestrel 4; Merlin 1 (low); Peregrine Falcon 1; Black-bellied Plover 1; Ruddy Turnstone 52; Sanderling 191; Purple Sandpiper 2; Dunlin 7; Wilson's Snipe 1; Am. Woodcock 1; Bonaparte's Gull 5; Ring-billed Gull 674; Herring Gull 2268; **Lesser Black-backed Gull 1**; Great Black-backed Gull 264; **Razorbill 22**; Rock Pigeon 217; Mourning Dove 452; E. Screech-Owl 13; Great Horned Owl 9; **No. Saw Whet Owl 1**; Belted Kingfisher 20; Red-headed Woodpecker 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 75; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 2; Downy Woodpecker 104; Hairy Woodpecker 24; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 85; **E. Phoebe 1**; Blue Jay 330; Am. Crow 562; Fish Crow 1; Horned Lark 3 (low); Black-capped Chickadee 426; Tufted Titmouse 280; Red-breasted Nuthatch 4; White-breasted Nuthatch 124; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 134; Winter Wren 18; Marsh Wren 1; Golden-crowned Kinglet 27; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 37; Hermit Thrush 18; Am. Robin 1236; Gray

Catbird 14; No. Mockingbird 141; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 1858; Cedar Waxwing 45; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 80 (low); **Pine Warbler 1**; Palm Warbler 1; E. Towhee 19; Am. Tree Sparrow 28 (low); Chipping Sparrow 5; Field Sparrow 7; Savannah Sparrow 8; Fox Sparrow 18; Song Sparrow 183; Swamp Sparrow 12 (low); White-throated Sparrow 529; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 133; Snow Bunting 118; No. Cardinal 279; Red-winged Blackbird **933**; E. Meadowlark 15 (low); Co. Grackle **7148**; Brown-headed Cowbird 111; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 381; Am. Goldfinch 190; House Sparrow 417.

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Queens

40...42 N 73...45 W, center Springfield & Francis Lewis Blvds. 18 Dec 2004. 26...-46... F; AM partly cloudy; PM partly clear. Observers: 30; Total party hours 86.0.

Snow Goose **1359**; Snow Goose (blue form) 1; Atlantic Brant 4159; Canada Goose 4282; Mute Swan 19; Gadwall 29; Eurasian Wigeon 2; Am. Wigeon 75; Am. Black Duck 458; Mallard 1094; Am. Black Duck x Mallard (hybrid) 6; No. Shoveler 22; No. Pintail 6; Am. Green-winged Teal 18; Canvasback 4; Ring-necked Duck 4; Greater Scaup 1197; Surf Scoter 2; Black Scoter 6; scoter sp. 11; Long-tailed Duck 9; Bufflehead 480; Co. Goldeneye 40; Hooded Merganser 67; Co. Merganser 40; Red-breasted Merganser 172; Ruddy Duck 1761; Am. Black Duck x Mallard 6; Ring-necked Pheasant 11; Red-throated Loon 8; Co. Loon 19; Pied-billed Grebe 1; Horned Grebe 4; No. Gannet **1500**; Double-crested Cormorant 29; Great Cormorant 31; Great Blue Heron 17; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1; No. Harrier 13; Sharp-shinned Hawk 7; Cooper's Hawk 6; *Accipiter* sp. 1; Red-tailed Hawk **33**; Rough-legged Hawk 2; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin CW; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 32; Killdeer 14; **Am. Oystercatcher 5**; Greater Yellowlegs 17; Lesser Yellowlegs 2; Ruddy Turnstone 2; Sanderling 116; Purple Sandpiper 9; Dunlin 166; Bonaparte's Gull 15; Ring-billed Gull 5883; Herring Gull 10113; Iceland Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 1050; Rock Pigeon 1071; Mourning Dove 219; Barn Owl 1; Great Horned Owl 1; No. Saw Whet Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 6; Red-bellied Woodpecker 12; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 51; Hairy Woodpecker 9; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 10; Blue Jay 74; Am. Crow 95; Fish Crow 5; Black-capped Chickadee 28; Tufted Titmouse 58; Red-breasted Nuthatch 9; White-breasted Nuthatch 21; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren **29**; Winter Wren **9**; Golden-crowned Kinglet 2; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; Hermit Thrush 3; Am. Robin **290**; Gray Catbird 9; No. Mockingbird **93**; European Starling 1680; Cedar Waxwing 21; Orange-crowned Warbler 1; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 137; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 5; Am. Tree Sparrow 15; Chipping Sparrow 3; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 21; Fox Sparrow **27**; Song Sparrow 91;

Swamp Sparrow 6; White-throated Sparrow 249; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 57; No. Cardinal **176**; **Dickcissel 1** (ND); Red-winged Blackbird 117; Rusty Blackbird **36**; Boat-tailed Grackle 79; Purple Finch 3; House Finch 119; Am. Goldfinch 113; House Sparrow 624.

Total: 105 species. **Sponsor:** Queens County Bird Club and Friends. **Compiler:** Robert Dieterich. **Participants:** Seth Ausubel, Laurie Bolger, Mary Ceasare, Victoria Collett, John Collins, George Dadone, Robert Dieterich, Steven Ferrari, David Gillen, Linda Kedenburg, Rick Kedenburg, Bernard Klempner, Linda Klempner, Alexei Kondratiev, Alan Levine, Sandra Levine, Stuart Lipkin, Peter Lopez, Jean Loscalzo, Denis Macrae, Danny Meiore, Eric Miller, Al Ott, Lawrence Plotnick, Ian Resnick, Herbert Roth, Elizabeth Schill, Arthur Skopec, Joseph Smulkstis, Janet Tanke.

Quogue-Watermill

40...52 N 72...28 W, center 1.8 mi ne navigation beacon, w side Shinnecock Inlet. 18 Dec 2004. 12...40... F; AM clear; PM clear. Observers: 19; Total party hours 47.75.

Atlantic Brant 195; Canada Goose 1587; Mute Swan 250; Gadwall 8; Am. Wigeon 22; Am. Black Duck 1820; Mallard 663; No. Shoveler 32; Am. Green-winged Teal 3; Canvasback 66; Ring-necked Duck **81**; Greater Scaup 40; Lesser Scaup 31; Co. Eider 4; Surf Scoter **30161**; White-winged Scoter 113; Black Scoter **5358**; Long-tailed Duck **1111**; Bufflehead 387; Co. Goldeneye 236; Hooded Merganser 97; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 1018; Ruddy Duck 450; Ring-necked Pheasant 31; Wild Turkey 1; Red-throated Loon 55; Co. Loon 49; Pied-billed Grebe 2; Horned Grebe 102; No. Gannet 21; Double-crested Cormorant 40; Great Cormorant 2; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 51; No. Harrier 5; Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 15; Am. Kestrel 1; Merlin 1; Peregrine Falcon 1; Am. Coot 16; Black-bellied Plover 70; Killdeer 1; Ruddy Turnstone 18; Sanderling 225; Dunlin 262; Bonaparte's Gull 84; Ring-billed Gull 370; Herring Gull 1460; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 241; **Razorbill 2**; Rock Pigeon 141; Mourning Dove 208; E. Screech-Owl 5; Great Horned Owl 4; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 12; Downy Woodpecker 27; Hairy Woodpecker 5; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 15; Blue Jay 104; Am. Crow 820; Fish Crow 2; Horned Lark 5; Black-capped Chickadee 227; Tufted Titmouse 44; Red-breasted Nuthatch 14; White-breasted Nuthatch 23; Brown Creeper 3; Carolina Wren **65**; Winter Wren 4; Golden-crowned Kinglet 22; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; E. Bluebird 6; Hermit Thrush 8; Am. Robin 328; Gray Catbird 10; No. Mockingbird **83**; Brown Thrasher 3; European Starling 1182; Am. Pipit 1; **Orange-crowned Warbler 1**; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 67; Pine Warbler 1; Palm Warbler 2; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 6; Am. Tree Sparrow 11; Chipping Sparrow 1; Field Sparrow 5; Savannah Sparrow 7; Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow 1; Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow 5; Fox Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 187; Swamp Sparrow 15; White-throated Sparrow 254; E. White-crowned Sparrow 1; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 98; Lapland Longspur 1; Snow Bunting 25; No. Cardinal 111; Red-winged Blackbird 28; E. Meadowlark 12; Co. Grackle 2; Boat-tailed Grackle 18; Purple Finch 5; House Finch 117; Am. Goldfinch 62; House Sparrow 96.

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Sagaponack

40...55 N72...14 W, center mouth of Georgica Pond Inlet. 19 Dec 04; 29...45... F; AM clear; PM cloudy. Observers: 31; Total party hours 148.

Greater White-fronted Goose 1; Snow Goose 24; Canada Goose 12,270; Mute Swan 201; Wood Duck 1; Gadwall 19; Am. Wigeon 28; Am. Black Duck 355; Mallard 502; No. Pintail 8; Am. Green-winged Teal 9; Canvasback 7; Ring-necked Duck 1; Lesser Scaup 28; Co. Eider 45; Surf Scoter 64,381; White-winged Scoter 782; Black Scoter 34,254; scoter sp. 13,383; Long-tailed Duck 282; Bufflehead 221; Co. Goldeneye 113; Hooded Merganser 25; Co. Merganser 11; Red-breasted Merganser 272; Ruddy Duck 366; Ring-necked Pheasant 9; No. Bobwhite 2; Red-throated Loon 344; Co. Loon 211; Pied-billed Grebe 3; Horned Grebe 51; Red-necked Grebe 1; No. Gannet 34; Double-crested Cormorant 13; Great Cormorant 4; Great Blue Heron 32; No. Harrier 15; Sharp-shinned Hawk 14; Cooper's Hawk 8; Red-tailed Hawk 38; Am. Kestrel 3; Merlin 5; Am. Coot 18; Black-bellied Plover 1; Killdeer 6; Ruddy Turnstone 13; Sanderling 168; Dunlin 51; Wilson's Snipe 4; Bonaparte's Gull 221; Ring-billed Gull 864; Herring Gull 1097; Lesser Black-backed Gull 1; Great Black-backed Gull 96; Razorbill 26; Rock Pigeon 167; Mourning Dove 1135; E. Screech-Owl 19; Great Horned Owl 7; Long-eared Owl 3; No. Saw Whet Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 16; Red-headed Woodpecker 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 53; Downy Woodpecker 77; Hairy Woodpecker 7; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 46; E. Phoebe 2; Blue Jay 660; Am. Crow 579; Horned Lark 62; Black-capped Chickadee 476; Tufted Titmouse 161; Red-breasted Nuthatch 11; White-breasted Nuthatch 61; Brown Creeper 7; Carolina Wren 224; House Wren 1; Winter Wren 18; Marsh Wren 7; Golden-crowned Kinglet 27; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 10; E. Bluebird 19; **Townsend's Solitaire 1**; Hermit Thrush 5; Am. Robin 660; Gray Catbird 25; No. Mockingbird 182; Brown Thrasher 7; European Starling 2207; Am. Pipit 30; Cedar Waxwing 15; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 99; Pine Warbler 1; Palm Warbler 6; E. Towhee 15; Am. Tree Sparrow 21; Chipping Sparrow 1; **Clay-colored Sparrow 1** (ND); Field Sparrow 61; Vesper Sparrow 6; Savannah Sparrow 113; Ipswich Savannah Sparrow 2; Fox Sparrow 28; Song Sparrow 836; Swamp Sparrow 108; White-throated Sparrow 1135; E. White-crowned Sparrow 20; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 421; Snow Bunting 43; No. Cardinal 393; Red-winged Blackbird 6448; E. Meadowlark 4; Rusty Blackbird 2; Co. Grackle 6941; Brown-headed Cowbird 360; Baltimore Oriole 1; Purple Finch 1; House Finch 396; Am. Goldfinch 134; House Sparrow 469.

Total: 120 species. **Compiler:** Hugh McGuinness <hmcguinness@ross.org>.

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Smithtown

40...52 N73...12 W, center Rte. 25A, 0.75 mi sw Stony Brook RR Station. 27 Dec 04; 5:30 am-5:00 pm; 22...26... F; Wind N 10-40 mph; Snow cover 1-8; Still water partly open; moving water open; AM cloudy & light snow; PM clear. Observers: 12 in 6-8 parties (non-owling); 4 hours and 18 miles owling; Total party hours 80; party miles 155; 68 hours and 95 miles on foot; 12 hours and 60 miles by car.

Canada Goose 1985; Mute Swan 188; Gadwall 299; Am. Wigeon 245; Am. Black Duck 615; Mallard 935; No. Shoveler 15; No. Pintail 4; Canvasback 9; Ring-necked Duck

212; Greater Scaup 41; Lesser Scaup 13; Surf Scoter 2; White-winged Scoter 113; Long-tailed Duck 134; Bufflehead 115; Co. Goldeneye 114; Hooded Merganser **237**; Co. Merganser 39; Red-breasted Merganser 283; Ruddy Duck 4; Red-throated Loon 5; Co. Loon 27; Pied-billed Grebe 1 (low); Horned Grebe 1 (low); No. Gannet **12**; Double-crested Cormorant 1; Great Cormorant 1; Great Blue Heron 23; Black-crowned Night-Heron 1 (low); Sharp-shinned Hawk 4; Cooper's Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 17; Merlin 4; Peregrine Falcon 2; Virginia Rail 2; **Sora 1** (ND); Am. Coot 30; Black-bellied Plover 16; Greater Yellowlegs 1; Sanderling 150; Dunlin 138; Bonaparte's Gull 19; Ring-billed Gull 1609; Herring Gull 2560; Great Black-backed Gull 137; **Razorbill 1** (ND); Rock Pigeon 196; Mourning Dove 195; E. Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl 3; Belted Kingfisher 12; Red-bellied Woodpecker 45; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1; Downy Woodpecker 34; Hairy Woodpecker 10; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 8; **E. Phoebe 1**; Blue Jay 47; Am. Crow 2584; Fish Crow 11; Black-capped Chickadee 143; Tufted Titmouse 66; Red-breasted Nuthatch 3; White-breasted Nuthatch 18; Brown Creeper 4; Carolina Wren 43; Winter Wren 3; Marsh Wren 2; Golden-crowned Kinglet 26; Hermit Thrush 3; Am. Robin **462**; Gray Catbird 9; No. Mockingbird 41; European Starling 909; Cedar Waxwing 46; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 3; **Western Tanager 1** (ND) [ph. LD]; E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 8; Field Sparrow 5; Fox Sparrow 12; Song Sparrow 122; Swamp Sparrow 3; White-throated Sparrow 226; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 97; No. Cardinal 164; **Dickcissel CW** (ND); Red-winged Blackbird 152; Rusty Blackbird 15; Co. Grackle 120; Brown-headed Cowbird 5; House Finch 33; Am. Goldfinch 63; House Sparrow 165.

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Southern Nassau County

40...37 N 73...36 W, center Baldwin Bay. 2 Jan 05; 6:30 am-5:00 pm; 32...46... F; wind NE 4-12 mph; snow cover 0; still water open; moving water open; AM mostly clear; PM cloudy. Observers: 62 (55) in 15-20 parties (non-owling); 0 hours and 0 miles owling; Total party hours 200; party miles 320; 170 hours and 100 miles on foot; 30 hours and 220 miles by car.

Snow Goose 4; Atlantic Brant 25819; **Richardson's Cackling Goose 1** (GD); Canada Goose 5165; Mute Swan 166; Wood Duck 2; Gadwall 228; Eurasian Wigeon 1; Am. Wigeon 135; Am. Black Duck 6105; Mallard 1663; No. Shoveler 111; No. Pintail 225; Am. Green-winged Teal 210; Canvasback 4; Redhead 6; Ring-necked Duck 26; Greater Scaup 3560; Lesser Scaup 20; Harlequin Duck 3; Surf Scoter **3320**; White-winged Scoter 20; Black Scoter **5000**; Long-tailed Duck 309; Bufflehead 125; Co. Goldeneye 4; Hooded Merganser 767; Co. Merganser 16; Red-breasted Merganser 1126; Ruddy Duck 137; Ring-necked Pheasant 10; Red-throated Loon 266; Co. Loon 59; Pied-billed Grebe 19; Horned Grebe 69; No. Gannet 42; Double-crested Cormorant 45; Great Cormorant 46; Am. Bittern 1; Great Blue Heron 104; Great Egret 5; Snowy Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 42; No. Harrier 22; Sharp-shinned Hawk 15; Cooper's Hawk 9; No. Goshawk 1; *Accipiter* sp. 2; Red-tailed Hawk 27; Am. Kestrel 3; Merlin 8; Peregrine Falcon 5; Am. Coot 65; Black-bellied Plover 1 (low); **Semipalmated Plover 1** (GD); Killdeer 2; Am. Oystercatcher 42; Greater Yellowlegs 4; **Willet 2**; Ruddy Turnstone 15; Sanderling 26 (low); Purple Sandpiper 24; Dunlin 258 (low); Long-billed Dowitcher 1; Co. Snipe 2; Black-headed Gull 1; Bonaparte's Gull 545; Ring-billed Gull 2431; Herring Gull 3268; Iceland Gull 2; Lesser Black-backed Gull 3; Glaucous Gull 2; Great Black-backed Gull

638; **Co. Murre 1** (GD); Razorbill 30; alcid sp. 2; Rock Pigeon 1199; Mourning Dove 263; Short-eared Owl 1; Belted Kingfisher 8; Red-bellied Woodpecker 20; Downy Woodpecker 65; Hairy Woodpecker 16; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker 64; Blue Jay 57; Am. Crow 187; Fish Crow 37; Horned Lark 57; Tree Swallow 3; Black-capped Chickadee 113; Tufted Titmouse 43; Red-breasted Nuthatch 20; White-breasted Nuthatch 37; Brown Creeper 8; Carolina Wren 28; Winter Wren 11; Golden-crowned Kinglet 26; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 5; Hermit Thrush 1; Am. Robin 231; Gray Catbird 13; No. Mockingbird 88; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 5686; Am. Pipit 3; Cedar Waxwing 16; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 726; Co. Yellowthroat 1; E. Towhee 7; Am. Tree Sparrow 56; Field Sparrow 5; Savannah Sparrow 4; Ipswich Savannah Sparrow 2; sharp-tailed sparrow sp. 1; **Seaside Sparrow 1**; Fox Sparrow 6; Song Sparrow 228; Swamp Sparrow 11; White-throated Sparrow 405; E. White-crowned Sparrow 2; **Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow 1** (AQ); **Harris's Sparrow 1** (GD); Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 45; Lapland Longspur 2; Snow Bunting 210; No. Cardinal **201**; Red-winged Blackbird 33; Rusty Blackbird 3; Co. Grackle 1; Brown-headed Cowbird 368; House Finch 228; Am. Goldfinch 119; House Sparrow 752.

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Staten Island

40... 35 N 74... 09 W, center Richmond Town. 18 Dec 04; 4:30 am-5:00 pm; 22...-45... F; Wind E 0-8 mph; Snow cover 0; Still water partly open; moving water open; AM clear; PM clear. Observers: 35 in 11-12 parties; 7 hours and 8 miles owling; Total party hours 93; party miles 215; 81.25 hours and 49 miles on foot; 11.75 hours and 166 miles by car.

Snow Goose 1; Atlantic Brant 635; **Cackling Goose cw** (GD); Canada Goose 1889; Mute Swan 3; Gadwall 115; Am. Wigeon 58; Am. Black Duck 606; Mallard 1247; No. Shoveler 25; No. Pintail 7; Am. Green-winged Teal 93; Canvasback 3; Ring-necked Duck 13; Greater Scaup 35 (low); Long-tailed Duck 12; Bufflehead 191; Co. Goldeneye 101; Hooded Merganser 57; Co. Merganser 1; Red-breasted Merganser 161; Ruddy Duck 65; Ring-necked Pheasant 10; Red-throated Loon 14; Co. Loon 11; Pied-billed Grebe 5; Horned Grebe 30; Double-crested Cormorant 70; Great Cormorant 22; Great Blue Heron 19; Great Egret 1; Black-crowned Night-Heron 9; Turkey Vulture 1; No. Harrier 7; Sharp-shinned Hawk 8; Cooper's Hawk **16**; Red-shouldered Hawk 1; Red-tailed Hawk 52; Am. Kestrel 2; Merlin CW; Peregrine Falcon CW; Am. Coot 1; Killdeer 17; Ruddy Turnstone 27; Sanderling 8; Purple Sandpiper CW; Dunlin 2; Wilson's Snipe CW; Am. Woodcock 3; Bonaparte's Gull 36; Ring-billed Gull 2027; Herring Gull 1694; Great Black-backed Gull 583; Rock Pigeon 1238; Mourning Dove 510; Barn Owl 1; E Screech-Owl 4; Great Horned Owl CW; Belted Kingfisher 10; Red-bellied Woodpecker **59**; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3; Downy Woodpecker 112; Hairy Woodpecker 8; Yellow-shafted No. Flicker

24; Blue Jay 69; Am. Crow 43; Fish Crow 2; Horned Lark 34; Black-capped Chickadee 64; Tufted Titmouse 39; Red-breasted Nuthatch 5; White-breasted Nuthatch 35; Brown Creeper 2; Carolina Wren **57**; Winter Wren 7; Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6; kinglet sp. 2; E. Bluebird 3; Hermit Thrush 2; Am. Robin **309**; Gray Catbird **10**; No. Mockingbird **143**; Brown Thrasher 1; European Starling 4959; Am. Pipit CW; Cedar Waxwing 51; **Nashville Warbler 1**; Myrtle Yellow-rumped Warbler 11; **Pine Warbler 1** (ph); **Palm Warbler 3**; **Co. Yellowthroat 1**; E. Towhee 2; Am. Tree Sparrow 78; Field Sparrow 1; Savannah Sparrow 72; Fox Sparrow 11; Song Sparrow 170; Swamp Sparrow 12; White-throated Sparrow 610; Slate-colored Dark-eyed Junco 271; Snow Bunting 37; No. Cardinal **144**; Red-winged Blackbird 380; E. Meadowlark 1; Co. Grackle 4; Brown-headed Cowbird 17; **Baltimore Oriole 1**; Purple Finch CW; House Finch 196; Am. Goldfinch 278; House Sparrow 370.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON WINTER 2004

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The Weather

Weather discussions in many of the regional reports shared common themes. December started out mild. Many areas then experienced a brief, sharp cold spell around the third week, at the beginning of the Christmas Count period. Precipitation in most areas was near normal, although a couple of regions were above average. January was a month of contrasts; statewide, the first two weeks were very mild, with a number of record highs experienced. This changed dramatically for the second half of the month, when cold arctic air swept into the state and remained the rest of the month. During this period many areas experienced record lows. The range of temperatures recorded during the month was exceptional. February echoed the mild first half and harsh second half of the prior month, though to a lesser degree. Several Regional editors commented that near average overall monthly temperatures were deceptive given the daily variation throughout the period.

Christmas Bird Counts

As usual, the extensive scouting and count coverage associated with the annual Christmas Bird Counts spiced the regional reports with rarities and lingering migrants. Among the highlights located this winter were Boreal Owl in Region 1; Eastern Phoebe in Region 4; House Wren and Dickcissel in Region 8; Lark Sparrow, Wilson's Warbler and Ovenbird in Region 9; and a remarkable mix of vagrants and exceptional lingerers in Region 10 including Cackling Goose, Pacific Loon, Broad-winged Hawk, Semipalmated Plover, two Willets, Boreal Owl, Townsend's Solitaire, Western Tanager, Yellow Warbler, Canada Warbler, Harris's Sparrow and Gambel's White-crowned Sparrow. Please refer to the special detailed Christmas Count coverage in this issue and to the regional reports for details on these and many more interesting records and analyses.

Waterfowl/Waterbirds

Waterfowl reports reflected the dual nature of the season's temperatures. In some locations, the warm start to December led to greater numbers of lingering waterfowl; Regions 7 and 8 in particular commented on this phenomenon. Other areas saw more impact in the severe cold temperatures later in the season, which drove out species that might otherwise spend the winter, or delayed the return of early northbound migrants. Some regional editors commented that the cold temperatures also contributed to greater concentrations of ducks in remaining

areas of open water; especially notable were a concentration of 70,000 ducks, mainly Greater Scaup and Canvasback, in the Niagara River in Region 1, and large numbers of diving ducks in Oswego Harbor in Region 5. Unusually high numbers of Black and Surf Scoters continued off of the eastern end of Long Island, with estimates of at least 40,000 and 75,000, respectively, in late December.

Notable waterfowl reports included Cackling Geese in Regions 2, 3, 4 and 10 and Greater White-fronted Geese in Regions 3, 9 and 10. The second winter Ross s Goose in Region 1 was carefully studied to eliminate the possibility of a Ross s x Snow Goose hybrid. King Eiders were reported in good numbers upstate, with multiple birds in Regions 1 and 2, and a cooperative female in Region 5 s Oswego Harbor. Unusual ducks elsewhere included Harlequin Ducks in Regions 1 and 2 and at regular wintering locations in Region 10; Barrow s Goldeneyes in Regions 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10; Eurasian Wigeon in Region 9; and Eurasian Green-winged Teal in Region 10. Trumpeter Swans were reported from Regions 2, 3 and 5; the Region 2 birds were noted as originating from the Province of Ontario release program. Tundra Swans were present in decent numbers in traditional wintering areas upstate. Downstate New York seems to have lost its most reliable location, as Hook Pond in eastern Long Island, long a traditional wintering spot for a small number of Tundra Swans and other waterfowl, no longer hosts good numbers of waterfowl. This is apparently at least in part due to changes to the water quality initiated by adjacent homeowners to actively discourage large numbers of waterfowl, especially geese, from congregating. Additional waterfowl highlights included Great Cormorant in Region 2 and in Region 3, an Eared Grebe at Aurora Bay on Cayuga Lake, the sixth consecutive year one has been at that location.

It was an above-average alcid year downstate. Good numbers of Razorbills were present off of Long Island in Region 10, and one to two were present in mid-January in western Long Island Sound in Region 9, where they rarely occur. A rare inshore Common Murre was found on the Southern Nassau CBC in Region 10. Black Guillemot was noted on several dates at Montauk Point, where the species is rare but regular; the species is considerably less frequent farther west, so one at Fort Tilden in Queens was a surprise. Dovekies were represented by nine on a December 31 pelagic trip from New Jersey that entered New York waters. The biggest story this season, alcid-wise, was a major inshore incursion of Thick-billed Murres all along the eastern seaboard. Numbers were greatest in New England, and small numbers were found as far south as the Carolinas. Numbers in Region 10 were perhaps the largest in nearly 30 years. Initial reports of 1-2 Thick-billed Murres from Shinnecock Inlet in early January were followed by a scattering of additional sightings ranging from Montauk Point to Breezy Point in Queens. Many of these birds lingered for several days; the discovery of several dead or dying Murres during this period indicates that these birds were likely stressed in some way.

Gulls

Continuing a trend over the last few years, the peak overall numbers of gulls on the Niagara River was felt to have been in the second week of December, later than the traditional mid to late November peak. Although Bonaparte's Gulls departed after early January, good numbers of large gulls continued into mid-January. Highlights on the river included California Gull continuing from the fall season and counts of up to 25 Iceland Gulls. Also in Region 1, two Sabine's Gulls near Dunkirk Harbor were notable both for the unusual winter date and in that one bird was an adult, an age rarely seen in the state. The gulls across the rest of the state outside Region 1 were relatively mundane. Thayer's Gulls were reported from Regions 1, 2 and 3; only the Region 3 report of this hard-to-identify species indicated documentation was sent to NYSARC. Little Gull numbers were low with only a few reported from each of Regions 1, 2 and 10, and Black-headed Gull was also only reported in low numbers from Region 10. The usual assortment of wintering Lesser Black-backed, Iceland, and Glaucous Gulls were reported in fairly standard numbers around the state.

Hawks and Owls

The continuing resurgence of Bald Eagles in the New York area was evidenced by nest-building activity of two pairs on the Niagara River in Region 1. It has been more than 50 years since eagles have nested on the Niagara River. Several other regions also commented on good numbers of wintering Bald Eagles. Also in Region 1, the traditional winter Merlin roost on the SUNY Buffalo campus held up to 6 birds; good numbers of wintering Merlins were also reported from a number of other regions. This is in sharp contrast to American Kestrel, which continues its decline; indeed, in many areas Merlin is becoming the more expected small falcon in winter. Golden Eagles were well-represented, with reports from Regions 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10. Lingered raptors included a December Osprey in Region 2 and widespread reports of Red-shouldered Hawks; last season's late-staying Broad-winged Hawk in Central Park remained long enough to be counted on the Lower Hudson Christmas Bird Count on 19 December. Gyrfalcons appeared in Region 3, along both sides of Cayuga Lake, and in Region 7; unfortunately neither bird lingered for very long.

The Northeast's invasion of winter owls continued throughout the winter season as Great Gray Owls congregated in amazing numbers in nearby Ontario and Quebec. Although reports were coming closer and closer to the New York border, it seemed for a while that none would actually enter the state. Finally, one was found on 23 February on Cape Vincent in Region 6. This confiding bird remained at this location well into the next porting season, allowing scores of birders to see it. Another Great Gray on Cape Vincent was taken to a rehabilitator for a short stay after flying into a truck on 25 February, and a third probable report was received from the region. Boreal Owls, another feature species of the owl invasion, made a good showing in state. There were two found in Region 1, one a Christmas count

find that remained only one day and the second a bird on private property that remained from late January through mid-March. Region 2 also hosted two Boreals, one at Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area in late December and another photographed in late January after it flew into a window. The most remarkable record, though, was a bird in Central Park in Region 10, first found on the Lower Hudson CBC. This bird remained for nearly a month and was seen by hundreds of people as it frequently roosted in relatively exposed spots in the few conifers in the vicinity of the Tavern on the Green restaurant, at times in the decorative plantings immediately surrounding the restaurant itself. See the lead article in this issue for more on this exciting event.

There were two reports of Northern Hawk-Owl, one each from Region 4 and Region 6; unfortunately, both of these were seen only once. Although reports of Snowy Owls came from seven of the ten reporting regions, it was not a big year with only 14 reports in total. Good numbers of Short-eared Owls were reported in Regions 1, 2, 3 and 9.

Other Winter Irruptives

Winter finches were generally scarce this season. Aside from an influx of Purple Finches in central Regions 4 and 5, there were mainly scattered reports of low numbers of the various species. Notable reports included Hoary Redpolls in Region 2 and Region 7. Red Crossbill was reported from five regions; the Region 4 report contains an interesting comment on the different types being seen, as noted from morphological, vocal and habitat differences.

Northern Shrikes made a good show upstate with many regions reporting better than average numbers. This event did not extend to the southernmost regions; there were only three reported in Region 9 and one in Region 10. Bohemian Waxwing were neither as widespread or numerous as last winter; outside of flocks of 60, 76 and 150 in Region 7 there were only single digit reports from four other regions. Central regions reported good numbers of Snow Buntings and Horned Larks, the observations aided by snow cover which helped concentrate the feeding flocks.

Lingerers

In addition to the previously mentioned lingering birds located during the Christmas count season, a number of other birds more typically associated with warmer seasons turned up this winter. In Region 1, Black-crowned Night Herons were again found roosting in Buffalo and another frequented Dunkirk Harbor. Also in Region 1 Brown Thrasher and two separate American Pipits were found, and three Chipping Sparrows at a Wilson feeder were a new seasonal high for the Region. A bit of Patagonia Picnic Table effect occurred at Hamlin Beach in early to mid-December. Birders searching for the regional first Ash-throated Flycatcher (see below) turned up first a regional record-late White-eyed Vireo, which remained for 10 days, and then a state record-late Blue-winged Warbler on 9 December. This was followed by a Regional record-late Lincoln's Sparrow on 16 December. Other half-hardy reports from

Region 2 included Virginia Rail; Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Eastern Towhee; Chipping, Field and Savannah Sparrows; Yellow-rumped Warbler; and Common Yellowthroat. In Region 3, Christmas Counts turned up three Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Gray Catbird, Common Yellowthroat, and two Field Sparrows, and additional reports included American Pipit and Chipping and White-crowned Sparrows. An Eastern Phoebe was a good find on the Cortland CBC in Region 4, as was a Winter Wren on the Sherburne CBC, especially since most of that count is at elevations over 1400 ft. The Tioga area in Region 4 hosted a mimid trifacta with Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird and Brown Thrasher all making appearances. Also in Tioga, feeder birds included White-crowned and Fox Sparrows and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. In Region 5, a host of uncommon half-hardies included Eastern Towhee, Field Sparrow and Rusty Blackbird at feeders, and Red-headed Woodpecker, Pine Warbler, Fox Sparrow and White-crowned Sparrow elsewhere. Few lingerers were noted in Region 6, but Region 7 turned up five Great Blue Herons in December, two Belted Kingfishers still present as of mid-January, and a surprising Hermit Thrush in Tupper Lake on 18 December. Region 8 notables included a December Blue-headed Vireo in Washington County and a House Wren on the Johnstown-Gloversville CBC, as well as good numbers of American Pipits in early winter and a handful of lingering Gray Catbirds. Conversely, warblers were scarce; the single Yellow-rumped Warbler reported is apparently the lowest winter total in a decade. A good list of late birds in Region 9 included Great Egret, two House Wrens, Wilson's Warbler, Pine Warbler, two Common Yellowthroats, and four White-crowned Sparrows. Region 10 editor S. S. Mitra noted that in many cases it's difficult to distinguish half-hardy winter residents capable of short-distance moves in response to changing weather or food resources from early-returning northbound migrants. In Region 10, species that may fall into the former group include many of the common wintering half-hardies, such as American Robin and Northern Flicker; classic examples of the latter group are the blackbirds, particularly Common Grackle and Red-winged Blackbirds, species whose wintering numbers are typically augmented in early to mid February by northbound migrants. Also in Region 10, there seemed to be a noticeable decline in species vulnerable to severe weather, such as Clapper Rail, Hermit Thrush, and Fox Sparrow; it's difficult to know how much of the decrease in reports was a real reduction in the number of birds, or a function of lesser effort by birders in seeking them out. Please see the Region 10 report for more discussion of the extraordinary Christmas Count records of Yellow Warbler and Canada Warbler mentioned above. Additional unusual winter records from the Region not mentioned previously include two December Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, an Ovenbird at the Bronx Zoo on 26 December, and two Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows on the Central Suffolk CBC.

Rarities

Additional rarities around the state included a lingering Lark Sparrow at a feeder in Porter, in Region 1; the first mid-winter record for the Region and the fifth

overall, the bird cooperatively remained for the local Christmas Count and then through the rest of the season, allowing numerous birders the good fortune to observe it. Even more exciting, but much less cooperative, was a Black-throated Gray Warbler present for two days in the town of Niagara Falls. See the Region 1 report for the full story on the discovery and identification of this bird. Highlight rarities in Region 2 included a Regional first record of Razorbill studied for 45 minutes at Hamlin Beach on 2 December. The wait until the next Regional first was a short one, ending when an Ash-throated Flycatcher was found the following day. This well-studied and photographed bird represents the first upstate record as well. Other notables from Hamlin Beach during the season were a brief Harris s Sparrow in January and reports of both Brewer s and Rusty Blackbirds. Purple Sandpiper was a good in Region 5. In Region 8, a Dickcissel lingered from mid-December to early January at the feeders at the Five Rivers Educational Center in Delmar. Region 9s best rarity of the season was unfortunately not seen live; a freshly deceased Cave Swallow, a Regional first, was found under the Route 1-95 overpass at the Rye train station on 16 December. The bird had apparently roosted under the overpass and succumbed during the night. Also in Region 9 was a Lark Sparrow in Peekskill; a one-day only Tufted Duck in Rye; up to two Razorbills in Long Island sound off of Rye from 10-17 January; and a first Dutchess county winter record of Orange-crowned Warbler coming to a feeder in Smithfield. Rarities in Region 10 included several lingerers from the fall season, including the immature Golden Eagle in Southampton through at least 4 December; an Ash-throated Flycatcher in Prospect Park, which was remarkably joined briefly by a second on 4 December; and continuing *Selasphorus* hummingbirds, a Rufous Hummingbird in Central Park to at least 6 December and a Rufous/Allen s in Orient to at least 5 December. A flyby Pacific Loon seen at Montauk Point during scouting for the Montauk CBC unfortunately did not linger for the count the following day. A Western Tanager on the Smithtown CBC was somewhat more cooperative; found on count day, it remained for a number of lucky observers who were able to search for it that day, but subsequently disappeared. Better luck was had with the Townsends Solitaire discovered at Maidstone Park in Easthampton during the Sagaponack CBC on 19 December. This bird remained until at least 9 January, although its secretive habits made it difficult to locate on occasion. Rare *Zonotrichia* sparrows were flock-mates at Baldwin Harbor Park, Nassau Co., on the Southern Nassau CBC. A group of White-throated Sparrows there contained both an immature Harris s Sparrow and an immature Gambel s White-crowned Sparrow. Both birds were seen regularly (the Harris s more frequently) with the roving flock through at least the morning of 23 January.

Miscellaneous

A number of regions commented on corvid numbers, in particular the continued increase in Common Ravens. American Crow appears to be back on the rise in

Region 5, and Region 8 editor Will Yandik discusses the ongoing efforts there to disrupt the sizeable roosts in Albany, Troy and elsewhere. A number of central and northern Regions commented on the continuing increase of southern species, including Red-bellied Woodpecker, Tufted Titmouse, and Carolina Wren. Conversely, another season with no Gray Partridge reports in Region 6 lends weight to the suspicion that the species may be extirpated in the Region, and, therefore, possibly in the state. Double-crested Cormorant numbers and control remain a hot topic in the state. Region 7 editor John M. C. Peterson discusses a new two-year study on the affects of breeding cormorants on colonial waterbirds on Four Brothers Island in Lake Champlain.

Bird of the Season

There were a number of good candidate for the Bird of the Season. Highlights included a number of Regional firsts, remarkable wintering records, and statewide rarities. I opt for a joint winter owl selection — the Great Gray Owl on Cape Vincent in Region 6 and the Boreal Owl in Central Park, Manhattan, in Region 10. Neither bird is a state, or even Regional first, but these two individuals allowed probably hundreds of New York birders to share in the excitement of the owl invasion of the winter of 2004/05 on our home turf.

Corrigenda

Cayuga Lake was incorrectly described as being in Region 2 rather than the correct Region 3 in two locations in the Fall 2004 highlights column (pages 37 and 39). Thanks to Matt Medler for bringing this to my attention.



REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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December was mostly mild except for one extremely cold arctic air-mass on the 19th and 20th and lake-effect snow events on the 12th-15th and 24th. The average temperature was 29.7° F, 0.1° F below normal. Monthly precipitation at Buffalo-Niagara International Airport was 4.99", 1.19" more than usual, along with 22.8" of snow, 2.7" less than usual. Considerably more snow fell in the Southern Tier counties. The first half of January was extremely mild with some record highs, while the second half of the month was bitter cold and snowy with some record lows. The range in extreme temperatures was unprecedented for January. The average temperature was 23.8° F, 0.7° F below normal, although the first half average was 36.1° F and the second half average was a mere 11.9° F. The monthly precipitation was 3.57", 0.41" above normal, with 37.0" of snow, 10.9" more than normal. Lake Erie reached 32° F° on the 22nd, about a week later than normal. February was uneventful, with an average temperature of 25.3°F, 0.6° F below normal. The monthly precipitation was 2.42", normal, with only 22.3" of snowfall, 1.6" above normal. A colder than usual second half of the month slowed the return of blackbirds and waterfowl.

Despite the general lack of returning waterfowl in late February this year, wintering waterfowl still provided several highlights for the season. The number of ducks on the Niagara River typically increases dramatically after Lake Erie freezes, often including tens of thousands of ducks near the Peace Bridge. Notwithstanding this regular occurrence, an estimate of nearly 70,000 ducks, mostly Greater Scaup and Canvasbacks, in one very large raft on the Niagara River near the north end of Grand Island in early February was staggering.

A **Ross's Goose** turned up in February at Dunkirk Harbor, marking the second Regional winter report, with the first occurring just last winter. Many birders were able to see this bird, and several excellent digi-scoped photos clearly show the bill field marks to eliminate the identification concern of a Ross's x Snow Goose hybrid. **King Eider** sightings were more numerous than in any recent winter. There were several sightings on Lake Ontario at Fort Niagara State Park, possibly involving more than one individual; repeated sightings of a female near Strawberry Island later in the season; and two females that were consistently found with Mallards in Fort Erie, Ontario that were not observed to cross mid-river into New York waters. The only report of **Harlequin Duck** was a female seen for several days above Niagara Falls. Surf and Black scoters are rare beyond early January. This winter there were a few more reports than usual including a Regional record winter maximum of six Black Scoters.

Black-crowned Night-Herons were again found roosting through the winter in Buffalo and an immature was also frequently spotted at Dunkirk Harbor. As many as 29 Great Blue Herons were observed near the Motor Island nesting colony.

Two Bald Eagle pairs were observed nest building on the Niagara River in February. By the end of the month, the pair constructing on Navy Island (Ontario, Canada) appeared more likely to nest than the pair moving sticks around at Strawberry Island (New York). Bald Eagles have not been known to nest on the Niagara River in more than 50 years, yet another sign of the dramatically increased occurrence of this species in the Region.

The peak overall numbers of gulls on the Niagara River was likely during the second week of December. The large gull species were still numerous through mid-January, while the Bonaparte's Gulls departed after early January. Winter season highlights include the continued presence of **California Gull** from November and good counts of Iceland Gulls, with up to 25 observed at the Niagara Power Project in mid-January. Two **Sabine's Gulls** observed near Dunkirk Harbor in late December and early January was a remarkable find, not only because of the late date, but one of the birds was an adult, which is an age very rarely sighted in the Region.

Snowy Owls were reported at four locations this winter, including one that lingered at a field in Yates and a long-staying bird at the Dunkirk Airport in Pomfret. Short-eared Owl reports were up slightly. A count of 26 in Porter at a field where this species is found nearly every winter was the highest Regional count in more than 30 years. Long-eared Owl and Northern Saw-whet Owl reports were typical and from regular locations. Two **Boreal Owls** was easily the owl highlight of the winter. Brett Ewald found the first roosting in the open at Wilson-Tuscarora SP on 18 December during a CBC. Many birders were able to see the bird that day, but it could not be relocated the next day. The second bird was discovered by Marg Partridge on some remote private property in the Town of Wilson on 23 January. The bird was found repeatedly until nearly mid-March. These sightings mark the third and fourth records for the Region.

Brown Thrasher is rarely found in winter, making the one in Allegany SP on 27 February a good find. **American Pipits** are rare past mid-November and have only been reported past December several times before. Therefore, two separate sightings in early January were remarkable. Three Chipping Sparrows that spent the winter at a feeder in Wilson represent a record winter count. Perhaps the mild start to the winter season may have coaxed some of these birds to linger.

Pine Siskin was the most widespread of the 'winter finches' this year, although it was hardly a banner year for numbers or distribution. Purple Finches were noted mostly in the southern portion of the Region, as usual. There were only isolated reports of Common Redpolls, but some lingered at feeders in Niagara County. Only one Evening Grosbeak was reported, and there were no reports of either crossbill species or Pine Grosbeak.

Besides the two Boreal Owls, there were two other major rarities found in the winter season. Vicki Rothman discovered a **Lark Sparrow** visiting her feeding station in the Town of Porter on 15 December. The bird lingered throughout the season, and numerous birders were able to enjoy seeing this bird thanks to the gracious hospitality by the Rothmans. This was the first winter record for the Region and the fifth overall.

While practicing nature photography on Black-capped Chickadees in her Niagara Falls backyard, Joan Hilts noticed a bird with them that she thought was

another chickadee. After finding the bird in her camera, she realized that it was different so she snapped a few photos. After downloading her photos onto the computer, she realized she didn't know what kind of bird it was. Along with her husband, David, they looked through bird guides and decided on **Black-throated Gray Warbler**. Because they are not birders, it is fortunate that they knew a birder, Jerry Farrell, and they told Jerry what Joan had photographed. Upon seeing the photographs, Jerry was convinced they had the proper identification. Several fortunate birders were able to find this bird among the thick spruce trees during the next two days, 18-19 December. This was the third Regional record for this species. The text on the Black-throated Gray Warbler discovery and identification was derived from an account prepared by Willie D'Anna.

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Abbreviations

AISP – Allegany SP, CATT; AmSP – Amherst SP, ERIE; BeSP – Beaver I SP, ERIE; BuSP – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; BWWTP – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; DH – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; FMCSP – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; FNSP – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; GHSP – Golden Hill SP, NIAG; INWR – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; MI – Motor I, NR, ERIE; NF – Niagara Falls, NIAG; NPP – Niagara Power Project on NR, Lewiston, NIAG; NR – Niagara R; PG – Point Gratiot – CHAU; SPNS – Sinking Ponds Nature Sanctuary, E Aurora, ERIE; Tift NP – Tift Nature Preserve, Buffalo, ERIE; WTSP – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: arr DH 18-27 Feb (TM), only report.

ROSS S GOOSE: DH 19 Feb thru (DN, MZ!), second winter record.

Brant: Buffalo NR 12 Dec (PY!), late.

Mute Swan: 3 WTSP 18 Dec; 2 Jamestown CBC 19 Dec; DH 25 Jan; GHSP 5 Feb; 3 BeSP 8 Feb; only reports.

Tundra Swan: max 135 BeSP 7 Feb, traditional wintering area on NR.

Wood Duck: Tift NP 11 Dec; max 5

Amherst ERIE 26 Dec (JP); Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec; 2 DH 21 Jan.

Am. Black Duck: 18 BWWTP 21 Dec; max 175 NF CBC 27 Dec.

N. Shoveler: 12 Jamestown CBC 19 Dec; 2 BWWTP 21 Dec (WW!); 2 DH 1 Jan - 13 Feb (WW!), rare in winter.

N. Pintail: max 5 DH 13 Feb.

Green-winged Teal: SPNS 4.6 Dec (LH); 9 Buffalo CBC 19 Dec; 2 NF 30 Jan (WW, JP); only reports.

Canvasback: very large numbers near BuSP 6 Feb, *intro*.

Redhead: max 200 Grand I NR 29 Jan.

Ring-necked Duck: Bennington WYOM 8 Dec; max 22 NF 19 Dec (DR); 13 Lewiston Res NIAG 8 Jan.

Greater Scaup: very large numbers near BuSP 6 Feb, *intro*.

Lesser Scaup: 5 Grand I NR 7 Jan; max 20 N Tonawanda NR 24 Feb (WW, JP).

King Eider: FNSP 27 Dec, 16 Jan, 27 Feb (JP, PY, WD); Strawberry I NR 21, 24 Feb (WW, JP); 2 also frequently seen on NR in Fort Erie, Ontario 12 Dec thru; good showing.

Harlequin Duck: NF 4-5 Dec (WD), only report.

Surf Scoter: Porter NIAG 27 Dec; GHSP 5 Feb; max 3, 4 FNSP 5, 13 Feb; DH 24, 27 Feb.

Black Scoter: 3 Wilson NIAG 18 Dec; FNSP 27 Dec (JP, BK); 1-3 DH 30 Jan — 20 Feb (TM); max 6 FNSP 11 Feb (S&TO), record count for winter.

Hooded Merganser: max 22 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 11 Dec.

Com. Merganser: 82 Bennington WYOM 1-18 Dec (GS), good inland count.

Ruddy Duck: NF CBC 27 Dec; BuSP 9 Jan; 1-2 DH 15 Jan — 20 Feb; only reports.

Red-throated Loon: 45 Wilson CBC 18 Dec; 4 NF CBC; only reports.

Com. Loon: GHSP 5 Feb, only report past Dec.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 8 DH Jan-Feb; N Tonawanda NIAG 31 Jan, 24 Feb (WW).

Horned Grebe: 3 Wilson NIAG 9 Jan; 13 GHSP 5 Feb; max 27 Shadigee ORLE 5 Feb.

Red-necked Grebe: 2 Porter NIAG 27 Dec; DH 12 Feb; only reports.

Double-crested Cormorant: 67 Buffalo Harbor ERIE 8 Jan; max 107 DH 20 Feb.

Great Blue Heron: 9 DH 30 Dec; max 29 MI 5 Feb.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: DH 30 Dec — 24 Feb, 5 Buffalo ERIE 4 Jan, roosting.

Turkey Vulture: Cambria NIAG 27 Dec (MM!), rare in mid-winter.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 15 imm + 11 ad AISP and Allegheny Res CATT 5 Dec (TB, MD, TL), regional high count; 3 Buffalo ERIE 28 Jan (JL), along waterfront ice; 2 ad Strawberry I NR 5-27 Feb (WW, mob), possible nesting activity at new site; Machias CATT 19 Feb; well reported from other traditional wintering and breeding areas.

N. Goshawk: Beaver Meadow CBC 18 Dec; Bethany GENE 3 Feb; only reports.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 3 Beaver Meadow CBC 18 Dec; Wilson CBC 18 Dec; Jamestown CBC 19 Dec; Royalton NIAG 26 Dec (S&TO), uncommon in winter.

Rough-legged Hawk: max 8 Yates ORLE 3 Jan; well reported near L Ontario throughout season.

Merlin: max 6 SUNY Buffalo campus ERIE thru (PY!), traditional winter roost; NF CBC 27 Dec.

Peregrine Falcon: Athol Springs ERIE 1 Dec (MT!); 2 NF 7 Dec; Buffalo ERIE 23 Jan; DH 19 Feb; only reports.

Am. Coot: 11 BuSP 9 Jan; 46 DH 25 Jan, max beyond Dec.

Killdeer: Wilson NIAG 5 Feb (JP, WW), rare in winter.

Purple Sandpiper: NF 4 Dec (WW, WD), only report.

Little Gull: max 2 NR Dec, fewer reports than usual.

Bonaparte's Gull: max 7,000 NR 1 Dec (GB).

CALIFORNIA GULL: 1-2 ad NPP 4 - 27 Dec (WD! WW!), continued from fall.

Thayer's Gull: several undocumented reports along NR, as usual.

Iceland Gull: 13 Porter NIAG 27 Dec (WD, AG), good count for location;

Wilson NIAG 15 Jan; max 25 NPP 16 Jan (WD), impressive showing.

Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 11 NF & NPP 5 Dec (WD); BeSP 12 Jan, only report away from NF and NPP.

Glaucous Gull: Wilson NIAG 12 Dec; 2 Porter NIAG 27 Dec; WTSP 16 Jan; DH 20 Feb; only reports away from lower NR.

Nelson's Gull: NPP 12 Dec, scattered reports of this Glaucous x Herring hybrid thru Dec.

Great Black-backed Gull: 222 DH 25 Jan (WW), counts rarely made for this common species.

SABINE'S GULL: 2 (ad, juv) DH 28 Dec - 1 Jan (DM, PY, BC), very rare in winter, adults also very rare.

Black-legged Kittiwake: last 2 FNPS 5 Dec (PY).

PIGEONS — WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: Cheektowaga ERIE 20 Dec; Yates ORLE 27 Dec — 15 Jan; Buffalo Waterfront ERIE 10, 16 Jan (TC); Pomfret CHAU 6-27 Feb (TM, mob); modest showing.

Long-eared Owl: WTSP 18, 21 Dec; GHSP 3 Feb; only reports.

Short-eared Owl: 3, 6 Yates ORLE 5 Dec, 5 Jan; 3 Shelby ORLE 11 Dec; 4 Royalton NIAG 2 Jan; max 26 Porter NIAG 17 Jan, 4 — 13 reported thru season at this location; 2 Pomfret CHAU 15 Jan; Wheatfield NIAG 31 Jan; 2 Cambria NIAG 5 Feb; 3 Lockport NIAG 5 Feb.
BOREAL OWL: WTSP 18 Dec (BE, WW!); Wilson NIAG 23 Jan thru (MP, WD!); very rare, only the 3rd and 4th sightings in Region.

N. Saw-whet Owl: Wilson CBC 18 Dec; INWR 1 Jan (CR); 2, 1 WTSP 15, 28 Feb (BP).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Hamburg ERIE 2 Jan; PG 6 Feb; only reports.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: well reported thru.

Com. Raven: 2 Attica WYOM 4 Jan (RK), only report outside of CATT or ALLE.

Horned Lark: max 300 Oakfield GENE 27 Dec.

Carolina Wren: moderate number of reports.

Winter Wren: SPNS 9 Dec, 1 Jan; max 6 NF CBC 27 Dec; Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec; Carrollton CATT 1, 23 Jan; Tiffi NP 29 Jan; BeSP 29 Jan; AmSP 4 Feb; good showing.

E. Bluebird: max 8 SPNS 9 Jan; typical number of reports.

Hermit Thrush: Buffalo CBC 19 Dec; Porter NIAG 27 Dec, 16 Jan; only reports.

Gray Catbird: Porter NIAG 27 Dec, 16 Jan; NF 30 Jan; unusual in winter.

N. Mockingbird: S Buffalo ERIE 2 Dec thru Jan; PG 27 Feb; only reports away from NIAG.

Brown Thrasher: AISP 27 Feb (TB), rare in winter.

Am. Pipit: 2 Eden ERIE 2 Jan (RR); 3 BWWT 5 Jan (WW!); rare in mid winter.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: max 8 Buffalo CBC 19 Dec; 6 Porter NIAG 27 Jan; INWR 27 Jan; Orchard Park ERIE 5 Jan thru (MZ); Wilson NIAG 2 Feb.

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER: NF 17-19 Dec (JH, WD! NYSARC), third Regional record.

TANAGERS — WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: 3 Wilson NIAG 10 Dec thru (BP, WD), record count for winter; Portland CHAU 9 Jan.

Field Sparrow: Pomfret CHAU 9 Jan (TM); unusual in winter.

LARK SPARROW: Porter NIAG 15 Dec thru (VR, WD! NYSARC), first winter record, fifth overall for Region.
Savannah Sparrow: Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec, only report.

Swamp Sparrow: SPNS thru; max 17 Oak Orchard CBC 27 Dec; Tifft NP 29 Jan.

White-crowned Sparrow: 7 Porter NIAG 16 Dec; 2 Wilson NIAG 18-30 Dec thru; max 29 NF CBC 27 Dec; Bethany GENE 8 Feb.

Dark-eyed Junco (*J. h. oregonus*): Wilson NIAG 22 Jan (WD, DD), rare but near annual in recent winters.

Lapland Longspur: 8 Oakfield GENE 27 Dec; max 20 Wilson NIAG 12 Feb (BB).

Snow Bunting: 900 Oakfield GENE 27 Dec (BK, JP); 250 Yates ORLE 30 Dec (MT); max 1200 Yates ORLE 5 Feb (WW, WD); 400 Carlton ORLE 27 Feb (MZ, DH).

Red-winged Blackbird: max 9, 19 Tonawanda ERIE 19 Dec, 26 Jan; 12 S Buffalo ERIE 23 Jan; arr Lancaster ERIE 18 Feb.

Com. Grackle: 4 NF CBC 27 Dec; 2 Yates ORLE 5 Jan (MT); arr Grand I ERIE 15 Feb.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 85 Alden ERIE 24 Dec (G&MC), good count for date; arr 3 Lancaster ERIE 18 Feb.

Purple Finch: low numbers on CBCs and elsewhere; max 12 Farmersville CATT 2-28 Jan.

Com. Redpoll: Wilson NIAG 11 Dec; Buffalo ERIE 13 Dec; 6 Porter NIAG 29 Jan; max 10 Wilson NIAG 31 Jan; isolated reports.

Pine Siskin: max 94 Wilson NIAG 11 Dec (WD, BP), up to 20 at feeder thru; moderate number of reports throughout Region and season.

Evening Grosbeak: Scio CBC 18 Dec, only report.

REGION 2—GENESEE

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The winter season was one of contrasts as is quite often the case. December started out warm with minimal snowfall. A wintry blast arrived on December 19th, which coincided with the Rochester Christmas Bird Count, Thus making it a difficult day for birding and resulting in the lowest count numbers in 20 years. The day before, the date of the Silver Lake Count, was much better. The last third of the month averaged 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees F below normal with about a foot of snow. The last day of 2004 saw temperatures climb to 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees F. The month averaged out at 29.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, which was a mere 0.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ below normal. Precipitation for the month was 0.26 above normal at 2.99. Total snowfall was 5.1 below normal at 16.8. January started out very warm, with the first two weeks the warmest ever. The second half of the month saw an average of only 9.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees F, with record lows established on the 21st, 22nd, and 28th. This produced significant icing on Lake Ontario, with ice recorded up to five miles off shore. The month ended with an average temperature of 21.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. This was 2.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ below normal. Rain predominated during the first half of the month and snow kicked in for the second half with significant accumulation. The monthly total of 49.7 was

almost twice as high as normal. Total precipitation for the month amounted to 3.34 , This represented a 1.0 above normal figure. February was, for the most part, uneventful. It somewhat mirrored January with a mild start and a cold closing. The average temperature was a paltry 0.5; degrees above normal at 25.8j. The highest temperature for the month was reached on the 6th with a reading of 52j degrees. Precipitation totaled 1.4 , which was 0.64 below normal. The 27.8 of snowfall were 5.6 above normal.

Conditions at times made birding rather difficult. This was certainly true of the second half of January. The Christmas Bird Counts totals were average to below average. Hamlin Beach State Park continued to be covered on many days. This spot brought some very interesting reports in early December. The mild start to January aided the Big January push by Dave Tetlow and Mike Davids, with many of the half hardies of earlier in the season still being reported.

A few Cackling Goose reports lingered continued on into the season. With the large numbers of Canada Geese wintering, it is not unlikely that this trend will continue. The Mute Swan population continues to stay at undesirably high levels. Irondequoit Bay was once again a major staging area for the swans. Trumpeter Swans from the Province of Ontario release program were again reported at Irondequoit Bay. The usual lingering4ing puddle ducks were scarce. When the area waters froze; they moved out of the rRegion. The only interesting report was N. Pintail. The movement counts of divers off the Lake Ontario shore was seemingly low. Canavasback, Redhead and White-winged Scoter were noticeable in for their relatively low numbers. Long-tailed Duck and Red-breasted Mergansers were generally good throughout the season. Highlighted species included King Eider, Harlequin Duck, and Barrow s Goldeneye. The latter was sighted in all three months of the season in generally the same area within about a mile difference. Continuing the recent trend, both loon species lingered through the season. Horned and Red-necked Grebes were reported in small numbers. Pied-billed Grebe, quite often reported during the winter season, went unreported this year. The January Great Cormorant was a seasonal highlight. The usual few Turkey Vultures were again reported during the winter, with Letchworth State Park being a point of concentration.

The raptor situation was mixed. The highlights included a December Osprey, Red-shouldered Hawk, five N. Goshawk reports, and good numbers of Merlin sightings. On the downside were Rough-legged Hawk and Am. Kestrel. The latter was particularly scarce along the lakeshore. The downtown Peregrine Falcons were reported off and on. The immature bird that was fitted with a radio transmitter was tracked through the season in the Region. The traditional winter report of Virginia Rail came from Mendon Ponds. There weren t many gull highlights. Only two Little Gull reports and the usual assortment of winter birds included Thayer s, Lesser Black-backed, Iceland and Glaucous. One of the major finds at Hamlin Beach in early December was the Region s first **Razorbill** discovered by Dominic Sherony and Robert Spahn on the 2nd. The bird was studied for over 45 minutes at a range of 250 — 300 yards (report to NYSARC).

There were only two Snowy Owl reports. Another December highlight was thea **Boreal Owl** discovered on the 30th by David Tetlow at the Braddock Bay Wildlife Management Area west of the bay. A second bird was photographed as

it lay stunned on a patio in the village of Hilton on the 22nd of January. A Long-eared Owl was observed looking down at the temporarily disabled bird. Short-eared Owls were well reported from the Nations Road area. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker is a species often found during the winter season. There were two reports in January and one in February.

The early December highlights from Hamlin continued with the discovery of an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** by David Tetlow on the 3rd. It was a first for Region 2 and the first upstate record for New York State. Many observers were able to see the bird, as its behavior became quite predictable. It was last reported on the 7th. Northern Shrikes were on the plus side, and David Tetlow and Dominic Sherony found a record late White-eyed Vireo at Hamlin Beach while relocating studying the Ash-throated Flycatcher. It stayed in the general vicinity of its discovery for 10 days. Common Raven numbers continue their upward climb primarily in the higher elevations in the southern portion of the Region. Observers made numerous reports from areas as far east as Honeoye Lake and as far west as Letchworth State Park. Rattlesnake Hill in continues to be a good spot for finding this bird. American Robin numbers were quite good along the lakeshore, but an interesting anomaly was that the species went unreported on the Little Lakes CBC. A few individual Bohemian Waxwings were reported with flocks of Cedar Waxwings.

At the risk of becoming redundant, In line with the Patagonia rest-stop effect, Hamlin Beach produced another early December highlight with the discovery of an immature Blue-winged Warbler by David Tetlow on the 9th, and later a record late Lincoln s Sparrow on 16 December and a Harris s Sparrow on 8 January. The Region s previous late date for the warbler was a bird banded on the 31st of October in 2002. Yellow-rumped Warbler and Common Yellowthroat were also reported during the season.

Other of the usual winter half-hardies included, Eastern Towhee, Chipping, Field, and Savannah Sparrows, Yellow-rumped Warbler, and Common Yellowthroat. were seen. But Hamlin highlights again included a record late Lincoln s Sparrow on 16 December and an Harris s Sparrow on 8 Jan. Brewer s and Rusty blackbird reports from Hamlin were also good winter sightings. The former has been reported in the winter for two consecutive years while the latter is often seen in small numbers at winter blackbird roosts. Winter finches were generally scarce, with only Pine Siskin and Common Redpoll being reported consistently. David Tetlow found a Hoary Redpoll amongst the Common Redpolls. There were individual reports of Red Crossbill and Evening Grosbeak.

December s species total reached 123. That was just about the 10-year average. The 2004 total then reached 299 species. January s total of 125 was also right about on par with the 10-year average of 124.7 species. February s species total was at 97. The 2005 total reached 129 with February adding for new species for the year.

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Abbreviations

BB — Braddock Bay, MONR; CH — Charlotte (Ontario Beach), MONR; CL — Conesus Lake, LIVI; CU — T Cuylerville, LIVI; DE — Durand-Eastman Park, MONR; G — T Greece, MONR; GE — T Geneseo, LIVI; H — T Hamlin, MONR; HB — Hamlin Beach State Park, MONR; HP — Hogan Point, MONR; IB — Irondequoit Bay, MONR; K — T Kendall, ORLE; M — Manitou, MONR; MP — Mendon Ponds County Park, MONR; NR- Nations Road area, T Avon, LIVI; P — T Parma, MONR; PE — T Perinton, MONR; R — City of Rochester, MONR; RH — Rattlesnake Hill WMA, LIVI; RI — T Richmond, ONTA; Sav — T Savannah, WAYN; SB — Sodus Bay, WAYN; V — T Victor, MONR; W — T Webster, MONR; WI — T Williamson, WAYN.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: 2 Sav 4 Dec; 1 Sav 5 Dec; 1 IB 16 Dec.

Cackling Goose: 1 HB 5 Dec (WS); 1 Lake LaGrange 8 Dec (KF,DT); 1 T Ogden, MONR 19 Dec (JH); 1 Caledonia 21 Dec (DT), 1 CL 26 Dec (JK); 1 Sav 5 Jan (MD,DTJBo, RS); 1 Caledonia 18 Jan (DT).

Mute Swan: max 241 Rochester CBC 19 Dec.

Trumpeter Swan: 2-3 IB 19 Dec; 5 IB 20 Feb, 2 ad, 3 imm; 6 IB 26 Feb 2 ad, 3 imm; 1 imm IB 27 Feb, imm.

Tundra Swan: 78 CL 26 Dec; max 95 CL 31 Dec.

N. Pintail: max 11 Turning Point Park, MONR 19 Dec; arr 3 HB 7 Feb..

Redhead: max 5,374 CL 2 Jan (LLCBC).

Greater Scaup: max 500 HB 7 Feb.

King Eider: 5 HB 4 Dec (WS, et al), 1 m, 4 f; 1 f HB 10 Jan (WS).

Harlequin Duck: 1 f G 22 Dec (JB, C Co), female.

Surf Scoter: 1 G 2 Feb; 1 Troutberg, ORLE 7 Feb; 2 M 24 Feb.

White-winged Scoter: max 401 9 Dec; total 2050 HB thruall Dec.

Black Scoter: 1 f Irondequoit 1 Jan, fem.

Long-tailed Duck: max 500 IB 15 Feb.

Barrow's Goldeneye: 1 HB 5-9 Dec (DT); Troutberg 5-28 Feb, same bird.

Red-breasted Merganser: max 5800 HB 15 Feb.

Ruddy Duck: 1 f IB 1 Jan, fem.

Red-throated Loon: max 8 HB 1 Jan.

Red-necked Grebe: 23 HB 13 Dec (WS).

Double-crested Cormorant: 9 SB 13 Dec; 7 IB 13 Dec; 11 IB 14 Dec; 1 IB 20 Jan.

Great Cormorant: 11 imm IB 17 Jan (DT), imm.

Turkey Vulture: 1 HP 21 Dec 7 Letchworth State Parks 10 Jan; 1 Honeoye Falls, MONR 18 Feb.

HAWKS—ALCIDS

Osprey: 1 BB 1-2 Dec (DT), very late.
Bald Eagle: total 4 sev 1,5, 17Jan; total 3 in Feb.
N. Goshawk: 1 Conesus 2 Jan; 1 M 20 Jan; 1 W 6 Feb, ad; 1 imm W 20 Feb, imm; 1 P 24 Feb.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 RH, LIVI 10 Jan (DT,MD); 1 ad G 28 Feb (DT), ad.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 10 NR 9 Jan.
Merlin: 1 SB 5 Jan; 1 Univ R 15-31 Jan; 1 PE 26 Jan; 1 R1 Feb; 1 Univ R 1-14 Feb; 1 R 13 Feb; 1 NR 26 Feb; 1 DE 27 Feb, high number for winter.
Peregrine Falcon: 1 imm R 5 Feb (DT, KT), imm.
Virginia Rail: 1 MP 27 Jan.
Little Gull: 2 ad off DE 10 Jan, ad.
Bonaparte s Gull: max 400 HB 1 Jan.
Thayer s Gull: 1 PE 5 Jan (MT), 1st winter; 1 1st yr PE 1 Feb (DT,MD), 1st yr.
Iceland Gull: max 5 PE 7 Jan.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2 ad IB 2 Jan, ad; 1 3rd yr PE 5 Jan, 3rd yr; 1 ad IB 10 Jan, ad; 1 ad 12 Jan, ad; 1 ad PE 15 Janan, ad..
RAZORBILL: 1 HB 2 Dec (DS, RS), 1st Regional record.

DOVES - WOODPECKERS

E. astern Screech-Owl: max 11 NR 20 Feb.
Snowy Owl: 1 CH 5 Dec; 1 GE 2 Jan.
Barred Owl: 4 RH 10 Jan.
Long-eared Owl: 1 Hemlock L 1 Jan; 1 P 22 Jan; 1 NR 20 Feb.
Short-eared Owl: max 17 NR 13 Feb.
Boreal Owl: 1 BB 30-31 Dec, 1 Jan (DT, mob), 15th rRegional record; 1 P 22 Jan (ML).
Red-headed Woodpecker: max 2 NR 13 Feb.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 SB 15 Jan; 1 Avon 16 Jan; 2 NR 13 Feb.

FLYCATCHERS—WAXWINGS

ASH-THROATD FLYCATCHER:
1 HB 3-7 Dec (DT, mob), 1st Regional

record, 1st NYS inland record.
N. Shrike: total 28 Dec various locations (DT, mob); total 27 reports Jan; max 4 NR 20 Feb; total 15 all Feb.
White-eyed Vireo: 1 imm HB 3-12 Dec (KF, DT), 4th NYS winter record.
Common Raven: 2 T RI 2 Jan; 3 RH 10 Jan; 1 Nunda , LIVI 16 Jan; 2 Nunda 29 Jan 2 Letchworth SP 7 Feb.
Winter Wren: total 6 Jan; 1 DE 20 Feb.
Marsh Wren: 2 IB 7 Jan.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1 DE 30 Dec (CS, R&SS, TP), very late.
Hermit Thrush: 2 W 7,14 Jan.
Gray Catbird: 1 DE 1 Jan; 2 HB 1 Jan; 1 T Huron, WAYN 4 Jan.
Brown Thrasher: 1 H 31 Jan.
Am. Pipit: 1 Elba, GENE 11 Jan (DT).
Bohemian Waxwing: 1 HB 3 Dec; 1 HB 30 Dec, 1 Jan; 1 T Huron 4 Jan; 1 Sav 5 Jan .

WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler: 1 HB 9 Dec (DT), 1st NYS winter record.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1 HP 16 Jan;
Common Yellowthroat: 2 CL 2 Jan.

TANAGERS—WEAVERS

E. Towhee: 1 f HB 21-31 Dec, 1-9 Jan, female.
Chipping Sparrow: 1 T East Bloomfield, ONTA 31 Jan (DSto)
Field Sparrow: 1 Scottsville, MONR 22 Jan (LB).
Savannah Sparrow: 1 NR 10 Jan.
Lincoln s Sparrow: 1 HB 16-31 Dec (DT)..
1st regional winter record.
HARRIS S SPARROW: 1 HB 8 Jan (DT, MD), 7th Regional record.
Snow Bunting: max 900 Kendall, ORLE 7 Feb.
Rusty Blackbird: 2 H 4 Jan (MD, DT).
Brewer s Blackbird: 1 m H8-9 Jan (DT,MD), male.
Common Grackle: arr 1 Honeoye Falls 20 Feb.

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Brown-headed Cowbird: max 124
Mendon 24 Dec.
Red Crossbill: 1 SB 13 Dec (DT).

Hoary Redpoll: 1 Carlton Station
31 Jan (DT).
Evening Grosbeak: 1 HB 12 Dec.

REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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The winter of 2004-05 was a snowy and often cold one. Precipitation in December was slightly less than normal. Nevertheless, it was sufficient to keep the Region's rivers high and unattractive to waterfowl. Temperatures were above normal in December, so Christmas Bird Counts had much open water. January was 2.5° F colder than normal, and these bodies of water began to freeze, particularly in the last half of January. Mid-February saw a very brief two-day thaw, which allowed a few flocks of blackbirds to enter the Region. Both cold and snow then returned, and the rest of the blackbird population seemed to be put on hold. The Region experienced snow cover for nine days in the last half of December, then from 5 January through the end of the season there was continuous snow cover on all but one day.

Notable waterfowl for the season included two sightings of single Greater White-fronted Geese, an early December report and a couple of late February reports of Cackling Goose, an early December report of four Northern Shovelers, reports of all three scoter species, and a single Barrow's Goldeneye among hundreds of Common Goldeneyes in Geneva. The Eared Grebe returned to Aurora Bay for the sixth straight year. In general, most waterfowl species were reported in higher numbers this year than last.

While counting waterfowl and Bald Eagles for the New York State Waterfowl and Winter Bald Eagle counts in my assigned area along the Chemung River, I observed an adult Golden Eagle in addition to two Bald Eagles and only two Mallards. A contingent of birders from Ithaca located and photographed a Gyrfalcon on the west side of Cayuga Lake. While other observers spent the following day in vain trying to find the bird again, Matt Victoria spotted it near his work site in Aurora on the east side of the lake. While Red-shouldered Hawks are quite scarce in the Region during winter, one has been reported at Sapsucker Woods for six years in a row.

The most interesting gull of the season was the third winter Thayer's Gull found and photographed by Mike Harvey, Tim Lenz, and Glenn Seeholzer. They intend to submit a report to NYSARC for confirmation of this difficult to identify species.

Short-eared Owls were reported from several locations throughout the Region and their overall numbers were up from last year. A Snowy Owl in Fayette in early January was the only one reported. One Northern Saw-whet Owl was located on the Montezuma Christmas Bird Count.

Northern Shrikes were present in many locations throughout the Region. Horned Larks and Snow Buntings were reported in higher numbers this year than last. The long-lasting snow cover certainly helped to concentrate their numbers at manure spreads making them easier for observers to find. Longspurs, however, did not seem to be more numerous.

Other passerines of special interest included three Ruby-crowned Kinglets on the Ithaca CBC, a Gray Catbird on the Watkins Glen CBC, an American Pipit at the south end of Keuka Lake, a few Bohemian Waxwings at Cornell University, a Common Yellowthroat on the Montezuma CBC, Field Sparrow on two Christmas Bird Counts, and one Chipping Sparrow and one White-crowned Sparrow at feeders.

The following species listing includes comparisons of observed bird populations in the Region between winter 2003-04 and winter 2004-05. A + at the end of the species account indicates an increase; a - indicates a decrease. Species accounts with neither symbol indicate that the species did not demonstrate a significant change in reported numbers in 2002. Unless otherwise noted, the cited comparisons showed statistically significant changes ($\chi^2 > 3.84$; $P = 0.05$). A discussion of my methodology and its limitations can be found in the Region 3 report that appeared in the December 1999 issue of *The Kingbird*. This winter, 57 species showed significant increases. Five species declined.

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Abbreviations

AuB - Aurora Bay CAYU, CCBC - Corning CBC, DSMP - Dean's Cove State Marine Park, ECBC - Elmira CBC, ICBC - Ithaca CBC, MCBC - Montezuma CBC, MNWR - Montezuma NWR, SaW - Sapsucker Woods, SLSP - Seneca L SP, WCBC - Watkins Glen CBC.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED

GOOSE: AuB 24 Dec (MaCh, TL);

MNWR 8 Jan (MA, JEI, TL).

Snow Goose: max 2000 DSMP 27 Feb, -.

Canada Goose: max 41817 MCBC

Circle 2 Jan, +.

CACKLING GOOSE: Stewart Park 7 Dec (MiH, TL!); max 2 Cayuga Lake 20 Feb (MA, ScH, MiH, CN, NS); DSMP 19-27 Feb (GS, MA, MiH, DL, TL, JM, ph, BoMc, MMe).

Tundra Swan: max several hundred Seneca Falls 27 Dec, +.

Trumpeter Swan: max 3 MNWR 10 Jan, +.

Wood Duck: max 11 MCBC Circle 2 Jan, +.

EURASIAN WIGEON: Penn Yan 28 Feb (JLa, BWa!).

Am. Wigeon: max 12 Long Pt SP 19 Feb, +.

Am. Black Duck: max 1439 MCBC Circle 2 Jan, +.

Mallard: max 1933 MCBC Circle 2 Jan, +.

N. SHOVELER: last 4 MNWR 12 Dec (MaCh, MeH), only report.

N. Pintail: max 39 MCBC Circle 2 Jan, +.

Green-winged Teal: max 4 Union Springs Mill Pd CAYU 4 Dec.

Canvasback: max 1000 Farley's Pt CAYU 4 Feb, +.

Redhead: max 9000 Cayuga L WMA CAYU 26 Feb, +.

Ring-necked Duck: max 500 MNWR 4 Dec (Gen&GeoB, BG, CJ, LL, PO),

high; 3 Cayuga Village Offices CAYU 25 Feb, +.

Greater Scaup: max 30 Treman Marina SP 16 Dec, -.

Lesser Scaup: max 330 Myers Pt TOMP 24 Dec, +.

Surf Scoter: Keuka L 29 Jan (BO), only report.

White-winged Scoter: max 4 DSMP 27 Feb.

Black Scoter: SLSP 30 Dec; Long Pt SP 6 Feb.

Long-tailed Duck: max 2 WCBC 26 Dec; 2 Seneca L 30 Jan.

Com. Goldeneye: max 1000 Geneva Chamber of Commerce ONTA 12 Feb, +.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE: 1 Geneva 29 Dec - 6 Feb (BG, CR).

Red-breasted Merganser: max 52 Willard Pt SENE 9 Jan, +.

Ruddy Duck: max 6 MNWR 4 Dec; Union Springs Mill Pd CAYU 27 Feb, +.

Wild Turkey: max 110 WCBC 26 Dec, +.

Com. Loon: max 22 ICBC 1 Jan.

Pied-billed Grebe: max 9 Village Marina SCHU 29 Jan, +.

Horned Grebe: max 31 AuB 20 Feb (BoMc, StF), high, +.

Red-necked Grebe: arr Seneca L 29 Jan; max 2 Portland Pt TOMP 2-26 Feb, -.

EARED GREBE: AuB 22 Dec-27 Feb (mob).

Double-crested Cormorant: max 3 ICBC 1 Jan.

Great Blue Heron: max 26 MCBC
Circle 2 Jan. +.
Turkey Vulture: arr Tompkins County
Airport 27 Jan; max 2 West Hill 15 Feb.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 10 MCBC Circle 2 Jan
(mob), high, +.
N. Harrier: max 22 MCBC Circle 2 Jan. +.
Cooper's Hawk: max 5 CCBC
18 Dec, low.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 1 SaW
20 Dec thru.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 130 ICBC 1 Jan. +.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 13 MCBC
Circle 2 Jan.
GOLDEN EAGLE: Smith Home Farms
CHEM 15 Jan (BO!), only report.
Merlin: max 2 ECBC 1 Jan.
Peregrine Falcon: CU 7 Dec; max 2
ICBC 1 Jan; Stewart Park 28 Feb.
GYRFALCON: Fayette 27 Feb (MAN,
MiH, DL, TL, JM, BoMc, MMe); Aurora
28 Feb (MV).
Am. Coot: max 600 Portland Pt TOMP
19 Feb. +.
Killdeer: arr Hector 28 Feb (JLa, BWa),
only report.
Bonaparte's Gull: max 2 WCBC
26 Dec.
Ring-billed Gull: max 5000 VanCleaf L
SENE 19 Feb (K&RBu), high, +.
Herring Gull: max 2418 MCBC Circle
2 Jan. +.
THAYER'S GULL: VanCleaf L SENE
19 Feb (MiH, TL, ph!, GS).
Iceland Gull: max 5 Cayuga L SP 8 Jan.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: max 4
Cayuga L SP 8 Jan. +.
Glaucous Gull: max 3 Seneca Meadows
Landfill SENE 25 Feb.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 150
Geneva Chamber of Commerce ONTA 12
Feb. +.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Rock Pigeon: max 1438 ECBC 1 Jan. +.

Mourning Dove: max 396 ICBC
1 Jan. +.
E. Screech-Owl: max 19 ECBC
1 Jan. +.
Snowy Owl: Geneva CBC 2 Jan.
Barred Owl: max 2 Dryden 8 Feb.
Short-eared Owl: max 10 King Ferry
30 Jan. +.
N. Saw-whet Owl: MCBC Circle
2 Jan, only report.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: max 90 ICBC
1 Jan. +.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: WCBC 26
Dec.
Downy Woodpecker: max 273 ICBC 1
Jan. +.
Hairy Woodpecker: max 84 ICBC
1 Jan. +.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: max 4 ICBC 1 Jan. +.
Blue Jay: max 270 ICBC 1 Jan, low, +.
Am. Crow: max 4844 MCBC Circle 2
Jan. -.
Fish Crow: max 19 ICBC 1 Jan (CABC),
high, +.
Com. Raven: max 13 CCBC 18 Dec.
Horned Lark: max 600 Genoa 29 Jan
(J&KM), high, +.
Black-capped Chickadee: max 2738
ICBC 1 Jan (CABC), high, +.
Tufted Titmouse: max 300 ICBC
1 Jan. +.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: max 35 ICBC
1 Jan. -.
White-breasted Nuthatch: max 360
ICBC 1 Jan (CABC), high, +.
Carolina Wren: max 9 ECBC 1 Jan.
Winter Wren: max 2 ECBC 1 Jan.
RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET: max 3
ICBC 1 Jan (CABC), high.
E. Bluebird: max 55 ICBC 1 Jan. +.
Am. Robin: max 223 WCBC 26 Dec. +.
GRAY CATBIRD: WCBC 26 Dec, only
report.
European Starling: max 3897 ICBC 1
Jan. +.

AM. PIPIT: Champlin Beach STEU 5 Feb (BO!, VS, A&JSm), only report.
BOHEMIAN WAXWING: arr CU 24 Feb (KM); max 10 CU 24 Feb (MeH), high; 2 CU 25 Feb (JHe, DRi), +.
Cedar Waxwing: max 496 WCBC 26 Dec, +.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: SaW 7 Jan (KR), only report.
COM. YELLOWTHROAT: MCBC Circle 2 Jan, only report.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 469 MCBC Circle 2 Jan, +.
CHIPPING SPARROW: Ithaca 7-23 Jan (L&SJH, ph).
FIELD SPARROW: ECBC 1 Jan (CVAS); MCBC Circle 2 Jan (mob).
Savannah Sparrow: Milo 28 Feb (JLa, BWa).
Swamp Sparrow: max 7 ICBC 1 Jan.
White-throated Sparrow: max 99 ICBC 1 Jan, +.

WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW:

CCBC 18 Dec (VS, ASm); Blizzard Property 23 Feb (F&JBI, ph).
Dark-eyed Junco: max 425 ICBC 1 Jan, +.
Lapland Longspur: max 3 Genoa 5 Feb.
Snow Bunting: max 1000 Dryden 20 Jan (KM), high, +.
N. Cardinal: max 251 ICBC 1 Jan, +.
Red-winged Blackbird: arr Caroline 13 Feb; max 200 Dryden 16 Feb, +.
Rusty Blackbird: max 10 Seneca Falls 11 Feb, +.
Com. Grackle: arr 3 SaW 13 Feb; max 10 Dryden 16 Feb, +.
Brown-headed Cowbird: max 12 Cayuga Lake Basin 30 Jan, -.
Purple Finch: max 53 Caroline 21 Feb, +.
House Finch: max 333 ICBC 1 Jan, +.
Com. Redpoll: max 23 Dryden 21 Feb, -.
Pine Siskin: max 20 Summerhill 23 Jan.
Evening Grosbeak: max 2 ICBC 1 Jan, -.
House Sparrow: max 749 ICBC 1 Jan, +.

REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Temperatures varied considerably through the winter. In December, temperatures ranged from 53 to — 6° F at Binghamton but averaged very close to normal for the month. Precipitation totaling 4.18 in December was 38% higher than normal but fell mostly on warm days as rain. Only 10 of snow fell. January was 2° F colder than normal. Again, temperatures varied widely, from 59° F on 13-14 January to —13° F on the 22nd. Precipitation at 3.93 was 52% higher than normal. Snow falls of 2 or 3 were regular. Warmth followed by a significant amount of rain on the 13th and 14th melted most of the snow. The temperature dropped rapidly on the 14th as a cold front passed. Two weeks of below normal temperatures followed this front. 22 and 23 January brought the month's only

significant snow fall totaling 13-18 across the Region. February was unseasonably warm during the first 10 days of the month. Due to cooler weather later, the average temperature was only 2.6; degrees higher than normal. Precipitation was very close to average. Snow fell in small amounts. The single greatest February snowfall, which fell on the last day of the month, was only 4.2 .

Cones were scarce except for red pine, which had one of its best cone crops in 5-6 years. The mast and fruit crop was poor except for a bumper crop of white ash samaras, particularly in Tioga, Chenango, and Cortland counties. However, ground- foraging birds that pick through manure had a relatively easy winter.

There were no big surprises during the annual waterfowl count. It was conducted just after the 14 January cold front arrived. High murky rivers from several days of warm rain, and the dramatic cooling, very likely affected the results. A Cackling Goose, (formerly Richardson's race of Canada Goose,) was reported at Grippen Park in the Town of Union by Marie Petuh and the Naturalists Club of Broome County in December. A Ruddy Duck was found on the Cortland Christmas Bird Count. It is rare in the Region and even more so in winter. Other notable waterfowl seen that are rare for the area in winter were Brant at Grippen Park in December, 4 Wood Ducks on the Sherburne Christmas Bird Count, and six Northern Pintails at Boland Pond through the reporting period. Apparently this is a good location to see this rare wintering duck in upstate New York.

The Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society turned up a very respectable 16 Bald Eagles on their annual eagle trip to Delaware County. Turkey Vultures are staying later and returning earlier, given one was seen on the Owego Christmas Bird count and one was witnessed returning to the area on 18 February. The Owego Christmas Bird Count set a count high, with five Northern Harriers, which was a nice tally for this usually rare to uncommon winter resident. Cooper's Hawk and Sharp-shinned Hawk numbers were very close to equal on the Christmas Counts,. However, Cooper's were the season's dominate accipiter. In Broome County, Cooper's Hawks were noted at 31 locations while Sharp-shinned Hawks were observed at only 9. Although Region 4 is perhaps the nesting stronghold for this species in the state, Northern Goshawks continue to be under reported in the area with only two reports. Red-shouldered Hawk was a very nice find on 16 January in Otsego County. In recent years, only one or two have been seen each winter usually in Broome County. After good numbers were seen in December, Rough-legged Hawks were a bit hard to come by as the season progressed. A number of Golden Eagles were present in December. The Kortright pair returned in early December accompanied by an immature bird. Two Golden Eagles were recorded on the Oneonta Christmas Bird Count. The Cortland Christmas Bird Count had count firsts of Golden Eagle and Merlin. Additionally, a Golden Eagle was seen in Cuyler at the end of January giving credence to the fact Region 4 more than likely holds a small wintering population of Golden Eagles most winters. A second Cortland Merlin was observed nearby later in the winter. This raised the possibility of breeders remaining on territory in Cortland through the winter, like they now do in the Binghamton area. It should be noted however, that there have been no confirmed nesting Merlins in Cortland to date. However, wintering Merlin reports are increasing in towns and cities across the state. Some more than likely are nesting much like the Binghamton birds. The Binghamton nesting pair

of Peregrine Falcons was seen through the period. Lastly, American Kestrels continue their decline, with only a few seen in the Region during the winter. One must wonder if Merlins might at some point become more common in winter than the once common wintering American Kestrel.

Seven species of owl were reported, including single individuals of four uncommon species. All the uncommon owls were found in Otsego County within an eight-day period in December. A Northern Hawk- Owl was observed for about an hour near the shore of Canadarago Lake in the Town of Richfield by Irvin and Monica Peters the morning of 21 December. A strong cold front had passed through the area a day earlier. The bird did not persist at that location. The Region's only Snowy Owl was seen in West Burlington by John Parker from 18-20 December. It left as the Northern Hawk- Owl arrived in Richfield. The season's only Short-eared Owl was flushed from a pine tree very close to where the Snowy Owl was found. The Oneonta Christmas Bird Count recorded its first ever Northern Saw-whet Owl.

There were some nice songbirds finds for Region 4 during the winter. A very rare wintering upstate Eastern Phoebe was a very nice find on the Cortland Christmas Bird Count. Northern Shrike numbers appeared to be slightly higher than usual across the rRegion, with 2-5 reported per month. A few Fish Crows continue in the Owego/Tioga areas. One must wonder why they're not in Cortland given there are Fish Crow populations in Owego, Syracuse, and Ithaca. Perhaps a more diligent search will eventually turn up a few. A wintering max of 13 Common Ravens was found in the German area on 15 January. Area Christmas Counts tallied 1-4. Common Ravens appear to be less common in Region 4 in winter than during the breeding season, when it continues to expand and increase. However, larger flocks of 5-10+ presumed to be immature birds are occasionally seen in Region 4 in winter.

Tufted Titmice continue to further establish themselves across this relatively high elevation rRegion. The Sherburne Christmas Bird Count set a count high for Tufted Titmouse. After last year's bumper spruce cone crop led to higher than normal numbers of Red-breasted Nuthatches, they were reported in expected lower than usual numbers this year. Despite the last two winters being a bit harsh, Carolina Wren numbers appear to be stable, with good numbers reported across the area in locales they usually can be found. The increase in bird feeders is without a doubt helping many Carolina Wrens survive harsh winters. A Winter Wren was a very unusual find on the Sherburne Christmas Bird count, especially considering much of the circle is at high elevations above 1400 ft. Scattered small flocks of American Robins wintered in the area. Eastern Bluebirds were seen in lower numbers than recent winters, which was more than likely due to the last two winters being a bit colder. However, their wintering numbers are still much higher than they were just 10 years ago. Very unusual was the find of all three mimic thrushes in the Tioga area. A Gray Catbird wintered through the reporting period and a Brown Thrasher put in a brief appearance in January. Northern Mockingbird, a half-hardy, continues to be a relatively rare winter resident in Region 4 unlike half-hardies, Northern Cardinal, Tufted Titmouse, and the becoming more established Red-bellied Woodpecker. A rare winter American Pipit was found at Hillcrest Pits on 10th January.

There were single reports of White-crowned Sparrow and Fox Sparrow from Tioga in December. Snow Buntings and Horned Larks were seen in decent to good numbers throughout the period. Another rare winter bird found was a single Rose-breasted Grosbeak at a feeder in Tioga the first few days of December. There were a few wintering Red-winged Blackbirds, Common Grackles, and Brown-headed Cowbirds in the Region. However, an unseasonable warm front in mid February caused an early push of sizable flocks of 10-50 migrating Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles. A few Brown-headed Cowbirds were also noted in these early returning blackbird flocks.

Winter finches were surprisingly present after last year's moderate redpoll invasion, and significant siskin and crossbill nesting event. However, most species were seen in very small numbers. The Purple Finch was one species that did erupt in central New York in numbers not seen in a very long time. This normally very scarce Region 4 winter bird was seen widespread in flocks of 5-50+. The bumper white ash samara crop is what held Purple Finches in parts of Region 4, particularly in Tioga, Chenango, and Cortland counties. Many birds were seen feeding on the white ash samaras in addition to visiting feeders. Conifers except red pine had poor cone crops contrasting with last year's bumper white and Norway spruce crop. It appears few species actually utilize red pine even in bumper cone crop years. Red-breasted Nuthatches and some medium to large-billed Red Crossbills will utilize red pine but not to the same extent as they do spruce. There were a few Red Crossbill pairs and individuals seen and heard in the Otselic and Pharsalia areas in late February. Some of these birds appeared to be small-billed Type 3s that were more than likely holdovers from last year's modest nesting event. However, some birds appeared to be medium or larger-billed type 1 or 2 birds that were associating more with red pine than spruce. These birds were a deeper red, had significantly larger bills, and had a different call note with a sweeter song. After the reporting period, birds were heard singing and seen acting territorial. There were much fewer birds involved in this nesting event than last year. At a few locations transient small flocks of 2-7 Pine Siskins were present, as were smaller flocks of 1-4 Common Redpolls. There was a small flock of 6-12 Evening Grosbeaks through the reporting period in Truxton, Cortland County and another small flock of 3-5 Evening Grosbeaks in December and January in Jefferson, Delaware County. However, this species continues to be harder and harder to find in winter across the state. A couple of other scattered individuals were noted as well. Also of note was a **European Goldfinch** at a feeder in Oxford from 20 December through the winter period. The bird was well documented and seen by others.

All in all, there were 97 species reported for the winter period.

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Abbreviations

BCBC - Binghamton Christmas Bird Count; CCBC - Cortland Christmas Bird Count; DOAS — Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society; FMHW - Franklin Mountain Hawk Watch; FWC - Federation Waterfowl Count; LHNC - Lime Hollow Nature Center; OnCBC - Oneonta Christmas Bird Count; OwCBC - Owego Christmas Bird Count; SCBC - Sherburne Christmas Bird Count; SkanL - Skaneateles Lake; TBC - Tioga Bird Club; NCBCWW - Naturalists Club of Broome County Weed Walkers.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: Max 300 Springfield 2

Dec; regular early Dec.

Canada Goose: Max 1349 OwCBC

31 Dec;

CACKLING GOOSE: Town of Union

8 Dec NCBCWW.; 23 Dec (MP).

Brant: Grippen Park Endicott Dec, late.

Mute Swan: 2 BCBC 26 Dec; 2 NYSOA Waterfowl Count mid-Jan.

Wood Duck: Max 4 SCBC 18 Dec.

American Black Duck: Max 60 BCBC 26 Dec.

Mallard: Max 818 BCBC 26 Dec.

Northern Pintail: Max 6 Boland Pond 16 Feb; 4 NYSOA Waterfowl Count mid-Jan; Boland Pond 8 Jan; good numbers, sometimes missed.

Ring-necked Duck: Max 38 CCBC 18 Dec; 20 SkanL 29 Jan; several reports from BROO and TIOG.

Greater Scaup: 2 CCBC 18 Dec, only report.

Lesser Scaup: 2 NYSOA Waterfowl count mid-Jan; SkanL 29 Jan, only reports.

Bufflehead: 16 SkanL CCBC 18 Dec, only report.

Common Goldeneye: Max 125 SkanL 29 Jan; 43 CCBC 18 Dec; 4 other reports of small groups; good numbers.

Hooded Merganser: Max 19 CCBC 18

Dec; 12 NYSOA Waterfowl Count mid-Jan.

Common Merganser: Max 130 NYSOA Waterfowl Count mid-Jan.

RUDDY DUCK: CCBC 18 Dec (JB), rare.

Ring-necked Pheasant: Max 4 BCBC 26 Dec.

Ruffed Grouse: Max 3 OnCBC 18 Dec; low number of reports.

Wild Turkey: Max 238 OnCBC 18 Dec; 120 New Lisbon all season thru.

Common Loon: 4 NYSOA waterfowl count mid-Jan, only report.

Pied-billed Grebe: Arr Delhi 28 Feb.

Great Blue Heron: Max 6 BCBC 26 Dec.

Turkey Vulture: OwCBC 31 Dec, late; Vestal 18 Feb, early.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: Max 16 DELA DOAS trip Jan 29; concentrated in Delaware River basin; reported from all areas; regular in BROO.

Northern Harrier: Max 5 OwCBC 31 Dec, high; Burlington 22 Jan, unusual winter location.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 5 BCBC 26 Dec; few reports.

Cooper's Hawk: 5 BCBC 26 Dec; regular.

Northern Goshawk: OnCBC 18 Dec; Triangle 11 Dec; scarce.
RED-SHOULDERED HAWK: OTSE 16 Jan, only report; rare.
Red-tailed Hawk: Max 130 FMHW to 1 Jan; 59 BCBC 26 Dec; 52 OwCBC 31 Dec.
Rough-legged Hawk: 14 OwCBC 31 Dec; 13 in Region 4 SCBC 18 Dec; high numbers early, few reported after Dec.
GOLDEN EAGLE: Ppair returned to Kortright with juv early Dec; Cortlandville near LHNC CCBC 18 Dec(RB); Cooperstown 17 Dec; 2 OnCBC 18 Dec; Cuyler 28 Jan; good numbers.
American Kestrel: Max 3 OwCBC 31 Dec; scarce after Dec.
Merlin: E. Homer CCBC 18 Dec(JM); Cortland 25 Feb (MY); Binghamton all seasonthru.
Peregrine Falcon: Binghamton all season, 2 at times, expected.
American Coot: Max 24 NYSOA Waterfowl Count mid-Jan; Otsego Lake all seasonthru.
Ring-billed Gull: Max 836 CCBC 18 Dec, high.
Herring Gull: Max 301 CCBC 18 Dec, high.
Great Black-backed Gull: Max 249 CCBC 18 Dec, high.

PIGEONS — WOODPECKERS

Rock Pigeon: Max 1868 BCBC 26 Dec.
Mourning Dove: Max 418 BCBC 26 Dec.
Eastern Screech-Owl: 8 reports, good numbers.
Great Horned Owl: 9 BCBC 26 Dec; 5 OnCBC 18 Dec; high CBC numbers, 5 other reports.
SNOWY OWL: W. Burlington 18-20 Dec (JP), only report.
NORTHERN HAWK OWL: Richfield 21 Dec (I&MP,), NYSARC).

Barred Owl: On CBC 18 Dec; TBC Feb.
Short-eared Owl: W. Burlington 14 Dec TS, only report.
Northern Saw-whet Owl: OnCBC 18 Dec, only report.
Belted Kingfisher: 3 OwCBC 31 Dec; Ffew reported, but several reported early Feb.
Red-bellied Woodpecker: Max 11 OwCBC 26 Dec; numbers appeared a bit low perhaps due to poor oak crop.
Downy Woodpecker: Max 115 BCBC 26 Dec.
Hairy Woodpecker: Max 44 BCBC 26 Dec.
N. Flicker: Max 16 OwCBC 26 Dec.; Just a few reported on other local CBC s; scarce in Reg. throughout winter.
Pileated Woodpecker: Max 6 BCBC 26 Dec.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

EASTERN PHOEBE: 1 CCBC 18 Dec (BM), well documented; only report; rare.
N. Shrike: Scattered inds. throughout Reg; reported numbers of 3-5 per month in Reg. were slightly above average.
Blue Jay: Max 178 OnCBC 18 Dec.
Am. Crow: Max 1556 CCBC 18 Dec; all birds counted on CCBC presumed to roost in City of Cortland.
Fish Crow: Few Town of Tioga (SH), local.
Com. Raven: max 13 German CHEN 15 Jan (MY, JS); 1-4 seen on all area CBC s; appears to be less common in Region 4 in winter than during breeding season when it continues to expand and increase. However, larger flocks of 5-10+, presumed to be immature birds, occasionally seen in Reg in winter.
Horned Lark: Max 30 OwCBC 26 Dec.; numbers low and few reports.
Tufted Titmouse: Max 164 BCBC 26 Dec; set high of 17 on SCBC, high count; continues to expand.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: Max 15 OnCBC 18 Dec.; low numbers compared to with last year due to poor cone crop.
Brown Creeper: Max 12 BCBC 26 Dec.
Carolina Wren: Max 18 BCBC 26 Dec; fairly stable numbers reported throughout Reg.
Winter Wren: 1 SCBC 18 Dec, only report; rare.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: Max 8 BCBC 26 Dec.
E. Bluebird: Max 16 BCBC 26 Dec; low numbers compared to recent years
Am. Robin: Max 30 Bradley Creek Rd. TIOG 20 Jan; scattered small numbers wintered throughout
GRAY CATBIRD: Dec-Feb TIOG (CB&JB), only report; rare
N. Mockingbird: Max 3 BCBC 26 Dec; low numbers
BROWN THRASHER: Jan TIOG (PW), only report; rare
European Starling: Max 2452 SCBC 18 Dec.
AMERICAN PIPIT: 1 Hillcrest Pits 10 Jan (JW), only report; rare
Cedar Waxwing: max 137 BCBC 26 Dec.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: Max 62 BCBC 26 Dec.
Fox Sparrow: TIOG 10 Dec (JB), only report; rare.
Song Sparrow: Max 3 OnCBC 18 Dec.
White-throated Sparrow: Max 13 BCBC 26 Dec.
White-crowned Sparrow: TIOG Dec (DW), only report; rare.
Dark-eyed Junco: Max 250 BCBC 26 Dec.

Snow Bunting: Max 171 SCBC 18 Dec.
N. Cardinal: Max 128 BCBC 26 Dec; fairly well established even at higher elevations.
ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK: At feeders in TIOG first few days of Dec, accidental in Dec.
Red-winged Blackbird: few wintered in area; returning migrant max of 50+ Maine 17 Feb.
Common Grackle: singles wintered in area; returning migrant max of 20+ Maine 17 Feb.
Brown-headed Cowbird: few wintered in area; returning migrant max of 4 BROO 23 Feb.
Purple Finch: Max 52 SCBC 18 Dec; much higher than usual winter numbers of 5-50+ in small flocks in Reg. Dec-thru.
House Finch: Max 385 BCBC 26 Dec.
RED CROSSBILL: a few scattered inds/pairs in Pharsalia and Otselic CHEN in late Feb (MY). Perhaps some birds still hanging around from last year's nesting event.
Common Redpoll: max 4 Homer CCBC 18 Dec; 3 TIOG 18 Feb (DW); a few scattered inds throughout Reg in Jan-Feb.
Pine Siskin: Max 7 TIOG Jan (LB); 6 BCBC 26 Dec.; few small transient flocks of 2-7 scattered throughout area.
Am. Goldfinch: Max 189 SCBC 18 Dec; average numbers seen throughout winter.
EUROPEAN GOLDFINCH: 1 at feeder Oxford CHEN 20 Dec thru, photos and well documented, origin?
Evening Grosbeak: small flock of 6-12 Truxton CORT Dec- thru (MY); small flock of 3-6 DELA Dec-Jan (AM); 1 Vestal 7 Dec (DQ).
House Sparrow: Max 1073 BCBC 26 Dec.

REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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The average temperature in December was 29.2°F degrees, 0.6° degrees above normal, with 3.8 inches of precipitation, 0.68 inches above normal and 19 inches of snow. In January the average temperature of 21.0° degrees was 1.7° degrees below normal, and there were 2.96 inches of precipitation, 0.36 inches above normal. For the month there were 44.5 inches of snow. The first half of January was characterized by warmer than average temperatures, with a maximum of 64 degrees at the Syracuse Airport on both the 13th and 14th. Much of the snow that had fallen prior to 15 January had melted. This, which, along with above average rainfall, contributed to high water in the Oswego River. Oneida Lake was mostly frozen early in the month but had large areas of open water by the 15th, and even some smaller lakes and ponds started to thaw. The first of several arctic air masses moved through on the 15th, and temperatures plummeted. Open water quickly refroze, pack ice formed along the shore of Lake Ontario, and open water below dams on the Oswego River was at a minimum although the river continued to run high. Old Forge recorded six low temperatures ranging from -24 to -30 degrees during the last half of January. In February the average temperature was 25.7° degrees, 1.2° degrees warmer than normal, but the last 11 days of the month were colder than average, with at least a foot of snow on the ground in most places. There were 2.96 inches of precipitation for February, 0.36 inches more than normal, and virtually all of it fell as 44.5 inches of snow. The first trickle of migrants began to show up on 15 February, but after the turn in the weather migration ceased.

Fall migration lasted into December, with the last wave of Snow Geese and Canada Geese moving on the 12th. Trumpeter Swans again spent time at Fair Haven where they stayed until the mid-January freeze-up, and Tundra Swans also lingered as long as possible. Most waterfowl were scarce through the first half of the season, but when inshore areas of Lake Ontario began freezing in January, many Greater Scaup, White-winged Scoters, and Long-tailed Ducks, moved into Oswego Harbor as it opened to some degree. In February, they were joined by a King Eider, a species not so frequently seen as in the 1970s and 1980s. Ten Northern Pintails in January was the highest count for that month in 38 years. There were few reports of Gadwall, Wood Duck, Canvasback, and Redhead.

An American Kestrel in Boylston and a Turkey Vulture in West Monroe in early January were signs of the mild winter and lack of snow cover to that point. Even before the snow got deep there were few Northern Harriers, and as winter wore on the small Rough-legged Hawk concentrations dispersed. Northern Goshawk numbers were good, and Bald Eagle continues to increase. The last reports of Short-eared Owls were in early January. There was one Long-eared Owl. The two Snowy Owls that were reported were very elusive.

Iceland and Glaucous Gulls were consistently found along the Oswego River, although numbers were low. Two Iceland Gulls were seen at the Madison

County Landfill, a site that may deserve more attention. No Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported this season. Even with a lot of open water during the first half of the season, Belted Kingfisher reports were few.

It was a good year for Northern Shrike, which was reported by many observers and at many locations. Fish Crow continues to maintain its foothold in the Region. American Crow winter roosts reached their peak in Utica and Syracuse in the winter of 2001-2 and, after steep declines the past two years, seem to be rebounding somewhat. American Robins wintered in large numbers, indicating that food was plentiful, so it's surprising that few Eastern Bluebirds and only low numbers of Cedar Waxwings were found. There was one sighting of two Bohemian Waxwings.

Eastern Towhee, Field Sparrow, and Rusty Blackbird all managed to survive the season at feeders. Other half-hardy reports included Red-headed Woodpecker, Pine Warbler, Fox Sparrow, and White-crowned Sparrow. It was a poor winter for American Tree Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, and Dark-eyed Junco with generally low counts. Snow Buntings were still moving through on 12 December 12 and large flocks were encountered through the period. Lapland Longspurs could be found in some of those flocks, more than we usually see in a winter. A few Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles moved into the Region in mid-February, but that first hint of migration ended with the return of harsh weather on 18 February.

Purple Finch staged an irruption into our area, chiefly in the southern highlands, where Matt Young had increasing numbers through the season. The species was feeding on ash samaras and was found region-wide, although usually much less persistent at lower elevations. Common Redpolls came south in small flocks this season and were seen mostly at feeders. Pine Siskin numbers were low, there were no Pine Grosbeaks or White-winged Crossbills, only one Red Crossbill, and only a few Evening Grosbeaks for the season.

Observers reported 122 species for the winter. Highlights included King Eider, Purple Sandpiper, Bohemian Waxwing, Pine Warbler, Eastern Towhee, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, and Lapland Longspur.

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Abbreviations

Bville — Baldwinsville, CM - Clay Marsh, DeR - DeRuyter, DH - Derby Hill, FH - Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay and vicinity, Geo - Georgetown, HIWMA — Howland Island WMA, LOL - Lake Ontario Littoral, NYSWC — New York State Waterfowl Count, OneiL - Oneida Lake, OnonL - Onondaga Lake, SFNS - Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland, Syr - Syracuse, TRWMA - Three Rivers WMA.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 730 Pulaski 12 Dec; 100 SFNS 4 Dec; 175 W Winfield to 15 Dec; 1 Sherrill 16 Jan, injured.
Canada Goose: max 10,000 Delta L area 8 Dec; 3440 Pulaski 12 Dec, just arriving.
Cackling Goose: 1 Camillus 4 Dec (MV ph).
Brant: singles Oswego 7 Dec; & Syr 18 Dec.
Mute Swan: max 4 FH to 16 Jan; 2 FH thru; 2 Syr 24 Dec.
Tundra Swan: 30 OneiL 16 Jan; & 9 Otisco L 14 Jan, high for mid Jan.
TRUMPETER SWAN: 4 FH 3-16 Jan.
Wood Duck: 2 Geo 3 Dec; 2 CM 18 Dec.
Gadwall: max 17 Syr CBC 18 Dec; 1 NYSWC 16 Jan, very low; 3 OnonL 31 Jan.
Am. Wigeon: 3 Mexico Pt 17 Dec; 2 Oswego 20 Feb.
Am. Black Duck: max 75 OnonL 31 Jan; 15 Marcellus 4 Feb.
N. Pintail: 10 Seneca R 16 Jan, most Jan since 1967 (JB).
Green-winged Teal: max 4 FH 8 Dec; 2 Syr 16 Jan.
Canvasback: 1 FH 8 Dec, only report.
Redhead: max 5 LOL 4 Jan; & max 5 Oswego 13 Feb.
Ring-necked Duck: max 1150 Eaton Res; and max 175 Hatch L 2 Dec; Dec; 5 FH 16 Jan; 2 Bville 2 Feb.
Greater Scaup: max 1740 LOL Oswego-Scriba 27 Feb; 197 NYSWC 16 Jan, low.
Lesser Scaup: max 360 North Bay OneiL 11 Dec; to 2/day LOL after Jan 1; and none NYSWC 16 Jan, last missed 1968.

King Eider: 1 female Oswego after 20 Feb; (BP); 1 imm male Scriba 24 Feb (KM).
Surf Scoter: 1 North Bay OneiL 11 Dec; 1 grounded Minoa 20 Jan, released OnonL; 2 Oswego 20 Feb.
White-winged Scoter: max 180 LOL 16 Jan; 1 quarry pond Minoa 7 Jan; 40-60 Oswego after 12 Feb thru.
Black Scoter: 1 North Bay OneiL 11 Dec; 1 per day LOL to 16 Jan.
Long-tailed Duck: max 1875 LOL 16 Jan, mostly Mexico Bay; 400-500 per day Oswego after 20 Feb thru.
Bufflehead: max 110 Scriba 27 Feb.
Com. Goldeneye: max 1000 FH 22 Dec; 600 North Bay OneiL 11 Dec.
Hooded Merganser: max 30 Nelson 2 Dec; & 29 Mexico Pt 17 Dec; 6 Bville 29 Jan.
Com. Merganser: max 2130 Bridgeport OneiL 5 Jan.
Red-breasted Merganser: max 272 LOL 16 Jan.
Ruddy Duck: singles Beaver L 4 Dec.; Fulton 17 Dec; & Syr CBC 18 Dec.
Ruffed Grouse: max 5 New Woodstock CBC 19 Dec; 1 per day otherwise.
Wild Turkey: max 153 T Madison 25 Feb; 60-80 per day T Western thru.
Red-throated Loon: max 7 LOL 7 Dec; last Oswego 3 Jan.
Com. Loon: max 5 Oswego 16 Jan; 1 Fourth L 15 Dec, iced in and taken by Bald Eagle.
Pied-billed Grebe: 1 Bville 31 Jan to-22 Feb.
Horned Grebe: max 15 LOL 16 Jan.
Red-necked Grebe: singles Oswego 22 Dec; & LOL 1 Jan.

Double-crested Cormorant: 18 Oswego 3 Jan; 7 Oswego 29 Jan, zero 15 Feb.
Great Blue Heron: 2 Geo 3 Dec; max 3 Syr 18 Dec; few reports.
Turkey Vulture: 1 Fayetteville 9 Jan; 1 WM 13 Jan; 1 Dewitt 13 Feb.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 10 T Western 22-23 Fed, on a deer carcass; 2-4 Big Moose thru season; 4-6/day LOL & open rivers; 2 TRWMA 22 Feb, at nest site.
N. Harrier: 6 Dec reports, 3 in Jan, and 1 in Feb.
N. Goshawk: reports from 8 locations.
Red-tailed Hawk: max 11 CM 2 Dec.
Rough-legged Hawk: 3-5 per day Mexico-Richland & southern highlands to mid Jan.
Am. Kestrel: about 12 total, with 4-5 persisting thru season.
Merlin: singles Hamilton 12 Dec; & Fabius 9 Jan.
Peregrine Falcon: 1 Utica 18 Dec; pair Syr thru.
Am. Coot: max 2 FH 4 Jan; singles Bvllc, FH, Fulton & Oswego at various times.
Killdeer: max 2 Cicero 2 Dec; last Cicero 28 Dec.
Purple Sandpiper: 1 FH 4-11 Dec.
Bonaparte's Gull: max 38 DH 1 Dec; last 3 FH 8 Dec.
Ring-billed Gull: max 2856 Oswego 9 Dec.
Herring Gull: max 1150 Bvllc & Oswego 21 Jan.
Iceland Gull: 1-2 Oswego R after 16 Dec; max 3 Oswego 20 Feb; 2 Lincoln 15 Jan, at landfill.
Glaucous Gull: arr 1 DH 1 Dec; 1-2 per day Oswego R & Harbor, Seneca R & OnonL Jan-Feb.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 185 Bvllc & Oswego 21 Jan.

DOVES - WOODPECKERS

Mourning Dove: max 51 CM 18 Dec.

Snowy Owl: 1 Oswego 6-17 Dec; 1 Fenner 9 Jan.
Long-eared Owl: 1 Beaver L to 15 Dec.
Short-eared Owl: last 2 Verona & 6 Danube 1 Jan.
Belted Kingfisher: 6 reports, only one after 15 Jan.
Red-headed Woodpecker: 1 DeR thru 19 Dec (LC).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1 Syr CBC 18 Dec; 1 Camillus 2 Jan.
Black-backed Woodpecker: 1 Old Forge 28 Feb.
N. Flicker: max 12 Syr CBC 18 Dec; 6 reports Jan-Feb.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

N. Shrike: numerous reports, approx. 23 individuals.
Am. Crow: max 4023 Clinton CBC 18 Dec; and max 6481 Syr CBC 18 Dec, slight increase.
Fish Crow: max 2 Syr thru.
Com. Raven: 1-2 Oswego thru season; 5 Hastings 20 Jan.
Horned Lark: max 282 s. ONEI 25 Feb; to 50 per day at manure spreads thru season.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: common Adks; 2-3 per day elsewhere and absent many locations.
Brown Creeper: max 10 HIWMA 2 Jan.
Carolina Wren: numbers steady despite slightly severe winter; 3 sites s. OSWE, slight expansion.
Winter Wren: 1 HIWMA 2 Jan, only report.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: common Adks; 2 per day elsewhere.
E. Bluebird: max 4 Lysander 2 Jan; only 9 reports.
Am. Robin: max 300 New Hartford 21 Jan; flocks of 50-100 common at lower elevations.
N. Mockingbird: max 14 Syr CBC 18 Dec.
Bohemian Waxwing: 2 Fabius 22 Jan (BC).

Cedar Waxwing: max 60 Tioghnioaga WMA 3 Dec & Sterling 4 Dec; mostly <20 per day where found.

WARBLERS

Pine Warbler: 1 DeR 19 Dec (MY).

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

E. Towhee: 1 Van Buren feeder after 20 Jan thru.

Am. Tree Sparrow: max 85 SFNS after 20 Feb thru.

Field Sparrow: 1 Kirkville after 16 Jan thru (JC).

Fox Sparrow: 1 DeR 19 Dec (LC).

Song Sparrow: max 3 Van Buren 9 Jan.

Swamp Sparrow: singles Clinton CBC 18 Dec; HIWMA to 13 Jan; & Van Buren 9 Jan.

White-throated Sparrow: max 23 Liverpool 18 Dec.

White-crowned Sparrow: 1 Liverpool 18 Dec (BC).

Dark-eyed Junco: max 12 Pompey 5 Dec & 12 T Onondaga 4 Feb.

Lapland Longspur: max 7 Pompey 30 Jan; also reports from 7 other sites, a good season.

Snow Bunting: max 2500 Stockbridge 29

Jan; 1330 Pulaski 12 Dec, migrants in 12 flocks.

Red-winged Blackbird: max 25 Oneida 1 Jan; arrfirst arrivals 17 Feb; 1 wintered Big Moose.

E. Meadowlark: 1 Sauquoit 18 Dec.

Rusty Blackbird: max 2 Bville 15 Dec & 2 Geo after 8 Feb thru; 2 other singles.

Com. Grackle: 1 Geo 3 Jan; first migrants to 4 per site 15-17 Feb, with last of mild weather.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 128 New Woodstock CBC 19 Dec.

Purple Finch: max 70 Geo-DeR 23 Jan; 8-15 many locations, persistent at higher elevations.

House Finch: CBC numbers indicate continued decline.

Red Crossbill: 1 Geo 3 Dec, only report.

Com. Redpoll: arr Pompey 15 Dec; max 60 Pompey 23 Feb; small numbers at many feeders, not persistent.

Pine Siskin: max 7 Geo-DeR 12 Dec; 1-4/day elsewhere, usually on the move.

Am. Goldfinch: to 60 per day some feeders for short periods.

Evening Grosbeak: max 12 Fabius 9 Jan; 3 Rome CBC 19 Dec; small numbers Old Forge.

REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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December was slightly warmer than usual averaging close to the thirty year mean Winter did not truly begin until the second week of January with temperatures thereafter averaging 1.4 degrees F cooler than the mean. February was 1.7 degrees warmer than the 30 year mean. Snowfall was sporadic but much of our region received far less snowfall than in most winters. Overall a chilly but low snow winter.

Positives include: 1) Excellent Bald Eagle numbers 2) Good numbers of most mouse raptors 3) Great Gray Owl and Northern-Hawk Owl 4) Expansion of

Common Raven and southern species Negatives include: 1) Terrible waterfowl numbers 2) No Gray Partridge 3) Virtually no Snowy Owls 4) Few half-hardies.

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Abbreviations

BRB-Black River Bay, CV- Town of Cape Vincent, L Ont —Lake Ontario, LWMA- Lakeview Wildlife Management Area, PtPen-Point Peninsula, SLR-St. Lawrence River, THP-tug Hill Plateau.

WHISTLING DUCKS-VULTURES

Snow Goose: 300 12/5 Barnhart Is. SLR is a high number for so late as are 75 at Watertown 12/5 ;a few singles and small groups lingered to mid-Dec.

Canada Goose: a large migration of 7000 mixed with many late dabbling ducks noted in the Canton to Watertown region 12/5; while numbers declined after mid-Dec hundreds lingered through the winter on L Ont.

Tundra Swan: 100 plus PtPen Dec; most left during cold spell of mid-Jan.

Gadwall: lingered to mid-Dec at several locations none thereafter.

Am. Black Duck: 10-20 day until mid Jan freeze-up; most dabblers and many divers absent thereafter due to extensive ice cover.

Mallard: very scarce in this region during Jan-Feb.

Greater Scaup: usual concentration of 3-5000 BRB Dec; scarce thereafter.

Long-tailed Duck: 3000 on L Ont off LWMA early Dec; Only small groups thereafter.

Bufflehead: 50-100 per day L Ont Dec; 5-10 per day after freeze-up.

Com. Goldeneye: 150-400 per day L Ont Dec; 10-25 per day in a few open leads thereafter.

Barrow's Goldeneye: pair at Fisher's Landing SLR several times in Dec-Jan;

This species occurs nearly annually at this site and is probably present elsewhere in open water pools along the SLR where large numbers of Com. Goldeneye winter.

Com. Merganser: few wintered on L Ont with numbers present only in traditional SLR open water pools.

Gray Partridge: For the second winter in a row no sightings of this species in CV and we are wondering if the long-term local population is extirpated?

Ruffed Grouse: one to four per day most areas.

Wild Turkey: numbers down in many areas particularly THP.

Great Blue Heron: scattered singles in lowland areas to late-Dec; None thereafter.

HAWKS-ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: increase continues with one-four a day in almost any area with open water; larger concentrations of 10-20 in prime SLR areas and on occasion elsewhere where deer carcasses or other food exists; a birder from the 1960s time warped to 2005 would hardly believe how frequently this species is now seen in our region.

Northern Harrier: 5-10 per day CV Dec with 1-4 per day there thru remainder of winter; scattered singles elsewhere in lowlands to early Jan.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: one to two on many days primarily at feeders and around trash bird concentrations at farms and urban areas.

Cooper's Hawk: pattern similar to Sharp-shinned Hawk but numbers about 150% of that species.

Northern Goshawk: nine reports of singles are more than usual.

Red-tailed Hawk: 15-25 per day CV to mid-Jan with 10-15 per day thereafter; numbers elsewhere 3-6 per day.

Rough-legged Hawk: 20-35 per day CV Dec with 15-25 per day thereafter; widely distributed as 1-4 per day in most open areas.

Am. Kestrel: 2-6 per day CV Dec with numbers reduced to scattered singles after mid-Jan; no other reports.

MERLIN: 2 singles wintered in CV successfully; one other probable report: This species should now be considered a rare but regular wintering bird in our region around sites with high populations of trash birds.

PIGEONS-WOODPECKERS

Eastern Screech-Owl: scattered reports of singles from lowland areas.

Great Horned Owl: widely distributed as 1-2 per day in most areas.

Snowy Owl: 2 at Massena Power dam and one CV both in mid-Dec are only reports; for the third winter in a row incredibly scarce.

NORTHERN HAWK-OWL: One observed along New York Route 12 west of Lowville by Gary Lee briefly in late-January could not be relocated. The observer is completely familiar with this species.

Barred Owl: scattered singles only.

GREAT GRAY OWL: Two confirmed reports of singles (NYSARC); One Gosier Road CV found on 23 Feb(GS) still present 29 Apr; second individual flew into the side of a truck near Carthage 25 Feb and was taken to a rehabilitator,

this bird was released near Dexter on 1 March and was not re-sighted. In addition another probable report was received.

Short-eared Owl: excellent numbers of up to 30 per day CV Dec; 10-15 present there through winter; many other reports of 1-5 per day in Jefferson County.

Northern Saw-whet Owl: one near Louisville 2 Dec(MB).

Red-bellied Woodpecker: Now regular as one—two per day in many areas west of Interstate 81; expanding eastward in the St. Lawrence Valley with records in Canton and Massena.

Northern Flicker: wintered successfully at PtPen.

FLYCATCHERS-WAXWINGS

Northern Shrike: Good numbers present with 1-3 per day Dec; 1-2 per day through remainder of the winter in many areas.

Common Raven: Continues to expand now regular in winter throughout most of the region; breeding possible near Canton(JBCC).

Tufted Titmouse: Continued expansion as this species is now regular west of Interstate 81 and continuing to expand eastward in the St. Lawrence Valley.

WARBLERS

None

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

Am. Tree Sparrow: abysmal numbers for a formerly common species mostly less than 10-20 per day

Song Sparrow: none after early Dec; as with most other half-hardies virtually absent.

Lapland Longspur: 1-3 per day CV and Massena areas.

Snow Bunting: 100-300 per day in northwestern Jefferson County.

Com. Redpoll: a small flight with flocks of 10-60 scattered from late January through February.

REGION 7—ADIRONDACK-CHAMPLAIN

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Inlet received 6" of snow on 3 December, and was a nipper -10°; on the 8th, but Plattsburgh was warm with 32 mph winds the same day. The ground was bare at lower elevations until 10 December, when 9" fell on Ellenburg Depot. A cold snap hit on the 20th, with Inlet -26°; in the morning, Saranac Lake only -18°; at noon, and Inlet back down to -25°; by evening, falling again to -26°; on 20 December and -25°; on the 21st. Another 6" -10" of snow fell on the 27th. Most of December was dull, cloudy, and rainy, with 7.2 cm of rainfall (double the normal 3.5 cm) and the 50 cm of snow slightly above average. Temperatures were about a degree colder than usual, with nine subzero days at Inlet, and continued to yo-yo into January, with Plattsburgh a warm 60°; on 13 January and Lyon Mountain a frigid -21°; by the 18th. The remainder of the month saw subzero nights and days, with Saranac Lake recording -29°; on the 28th and Inlet -29°; and Inlet -30°; on the 28th, where there were 13 subzero days in January, seeing -30°; on the 28th. An inversion layer and smog were prevalent from 26 January until 7 February, when Plattsburgh reached a record 49°; degrees. A Nor'easter dumped 8"-10" of snow on 10 February and temperatures bounced from 35°; at Plattsburgh on the 14th down to -18°; at Inlet on the 19th and -13°; at Saranac Lake on the 25th. Inlet had 11 subzero days in February, for a total of 33 days below 0°. The season closed with the impending arrival of a second Nor'easter.

The generally mild conditions early in the season led to a number of late departures, including Wood Ducks into January, a pair of Northern Pintail at Ausable Point on 24 December, a Common Loon on Long Lake on 2 December, Pied-billed Grebe at Ausable Point to 3 January, a Double-crested Cormorant at Cheever on 15 January, and five Great Blue Herons during December. Belted Kingfishers were still on the Saranac River near Saranac Lake and at Westport on 15 January, a **Hermit Thrush** was a surprise in Tupper Lake village on 16 December, and a Red-winged Blackbird lingered at Inlet from 14-15 December.

Several Carolinian species were also noteworthy during this rather mild winter. Three, perhaps even four, **Red-bellied Woodpeckers** were reported from the Champlain Valley. Tufted Titmice were extremely numerous, with sightings of *at least 89* individuals only hinting at the numbers that were probably present, since half of these were found on the NYS side of the Ferrisburgh CBC (20) and within the Plattsburgh count circle (24). At least five **Carolina Wrens** were present, with reports from Essex, New Russia, Plattsburgh, and Westport, and even from the inland Goodnow Flow in extreme SW Essex County.

We commend The Nature Conservancy, owner of the Four Brothers in Essex County waters of Lake Champlain, and the Adirondack Nature Conservancy for their decision to deny permission to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to control Double-crested Cormorants on the islands this year. The proposed measures would have included disturbance, oiling of eggs, and shooting of adults. Instead, there will be a two-year moratorium on such activities

to allow the ANC and DEC to study the need and possible impacts of such measures. Since cormorants began nesting on the Four Brothers in 1984, the number of colonial waterbirds breeding on the islands has gone from four species, (three of those gulls,) to 11— and perhaps a dozen— species, including the only Great Egret, Glossy Ibis, and Caspian Tern colonies on Lake Champlain.

A total of 97 species were reported, respectable, but short of the record 109 species in Winter 2001-02. A gray-phase **Gyr Falcon** at Plattsburgh 12 February was a one-day wonder. Charlie Delehanty and Tom Dudones located 448 individuals of 31 species on the first Tupper Lake CBC held on 18 December, with Charlie starting things off with the rare December **Hermit Thrush**.

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Abbreviations

AP - Ausable Pt WMA; BB - Bloomingdale Bog; CH — Cumberland Head; ECBC - Elizabethtown CBC 19 Dec; FCBC - Ferrisburgh CBC 18 Dec; LL - Long L; NP - Noblewood Pk; PCBC - Plattsburgh CBC 19 Dec; PtR - Pt au Roche SP; SLCBC - Saranac L CBC 2 Jan; TL - Tupper Lk; TLCBC - Tupper L CBC 18 Dec; WC - NYS Waterfowl Count 15-16 Jan; WD - Wilcox Dock, Plattsburgh.

WHISTLING- DUCKS - VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 7,000 Essex 5 Dec (DCR); 500 Inlet same day (GL); 1500 NP 12 Dec (MDM); last 2 WC, late here.
Canada Goose: red collar with white HSKO at WD 10 Dec (BK), banded St.-Paul I Emite, Quebec, on 10 Jul 02 when too young to fly.
Mute Swan: 5 Westport 26 Dec (J&PT), but only report.
Wood Duck: 2 SLCBC; WC, late.
N. Pintail: pr AP 24 Dec (DCR), late.
White-winged Scoter: 1 Willsboro Bay 15 Jan (GL,MDM,JP,RW), only report.
Black Scoter: 1 Willsboro Bay 15 Jan (GL,MDM,JP,RW), only report.

Bufflehead: max 199 WC, record number.

Barrow's Goldeneye: ad drake WD 8-13 Dec (BK,CM); ad drake Essex 12 Dec (MDM); max 4 WC.

Hooded Merganser: pr Saranac R, SL village 26 Jan (TD), record ate date.

Com. Merganser: Saranac R, SL 5 Feb (TD).

Wild Turkey: record high 41 ECBC, but 48 PCBC & 83 FCBC; Boynton Ave, Plattsburgh 8 Dec (BK), unusual in city; 19 wintered Inlet (GL).

Red-throated Loon: NP 12 Dec (MDM), always welcome.

Pied-billed Grebe: AP 18 Dec (JH)-3 Jan (L&PO), late.

Horned Grebe: 30 NP 12 Dec, 52 WC, max 58 NP 8 Jan (MDM), excellent numbers.

Double-crested Cormorant: Cheever 15 Jan (DMR), record late ESSE.

Great Blue Heron: ECBC; FCBC; 2 PCBC; CH 17 Dec (BK); West Chazy 25 Dec (JM), exceptional Dec numbers.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: max 21 (15 ad, 6 imm) Bald Eagle Survey 10-16 Jan; banded male 04 eaglet FRAN nest (LL) wintered Mongaup Reservoir, SULL (NYSDEC).

N. Harrier: TL 4 Dec (CD), diving on mergansers; pr Whallonsburg 5 Dec (DCR); FCBC, 2 PCBC, a good showing.

Merlin: Lake Shore Rd, CLIN 1 Dec (BK); Northway early Dec (DCR), killed Rock Pigeon.

Peregrine Falcon: pr overwintered Willsboro Bay eyrie Dec-Feb (MDM), where ad was seen 15 Nov from Amtrak *Adirondack* (JP).

GYRFALCON: gray-phase Plattsburgh 12 Feb (DF), always a good find.

Am. Coot: PCBC, only report.

Great Black-backed Gull: max 74 WC.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

E. Screech-Owl: gray-phase Avalanche Pass (el. 3000) 22 Feb (J&PT), perhaps the highest recorded elevation in NYS.

Long-eared Owl: calling Keene 3 Jan (J&PT); calling Chazy early Feb (DF), rarely reported.

Short-eared Owl: taken in at PtR early Jan, rehabilitated Chazy (DF).

N. Saw-whet Owl: max 8-12 calling males Dickinson Center early Feb (MAM), record high FRAN & Region 7.

Belted Kingfisher: ECBC; FCBC; SLCBC; Saranac R 15 Jan (LL); Westport same day (GL,MDM,JP,RW), all late.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER: Riley Ave., Plattsburgh mid-Dec to Jan

(RB, PCBC); female Essex 28 Dec (DL), 9th ESSE record; one 1 north of Essex Dec (fide DL), may have been a different bird; south of PtR Jan-Feb (JR), unprecedented.

Am. Three-toed Woodpecker: FB Dec (GL).

Black-backed Woodpecker: Bigelow Rd; Cheney Pd trail; Deer Pd; Gabriels; LL; Newcomb; Paul Smiths; Raquette Falls; 3 SLCBC, usual haunts.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS:

N. Shrike: 14 reports.

Gray Jay: usual reports from BB; Bloomingdale feeder; Brown s Tract Stream; Paul Smiths; max 19 SLCBC.

Com. Raven: 3 PCBC; 6 TLCBC; 7 FCBC; 29 SLCBC; 45 ECBC; max 50 Sabattis 9 Jan (JC), on deer carcass.

Horned Lark: max 80 Peru 12 Dec (DCR); 70 PCBC; also FCBC, Malone, & Valcour.

Black-capped Chickadee: record 1014 ECBC; record max 1447 SLCBC, amazing numbers.

Boreal Chickadee: BB; Blue Mt; Brown s Tract Stream; ECBC; Hanging Spear Falls; LL; Wilson Pd trail; max 16 SLCBC.

Tufted Titmouse: Akey Rd, CLIN; Dickinson Center; 14 ECBC; record 20 FCBC; Keene Valley; 5 Keeseville; 4 L Placid; 4 New Russia; NP; max 24 PCBC; 4 Peru; PtR; record 6 SLCBC; 3 TL; but the reported total of 89 titmice from 14 locations is probably only suggestive of the remarkable northward expansion in 2004.

CAROLINA WREN: Cumberland Head 2-26 Dec (NO); Essex Dec (DL); FCBC; Goodnow Flow Dec; New Russia 6 Dec-31 Mar (ET), again in attic; PCBC, a remarkable expansion via the Champlain corridor, but penetrating into the Adks.

HERMIT THRUSH: TL village 166 Dec (CD), flew across street & perched, 1st FRAN winter record and only

5th during Dec-Jan in Region 7.

American Robin: max 160 Westport 2 Jan (J&PT)

N. Mockingbird: 2 PCBC, still scarce here.

Bohemian Waxwing: 6 Chateaugay; 2 Hogansburg; 75 Keene; 60 Peru; 2 Pt Kent; 6 Schroom L; 15 Wilmington; max 150 Marcy Field, Keene 21 Feb (RM), the most abundant waxwing.

Cedar Waxwing: 12 CH; 8 Essex; 20 Peru; 20 Plattsburgh.; but neither waxwing on any CBCs.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS:

Song Sparrow: Inlet feeder daily to 25 Dec (GL); SLCBC.

White-throated Sparrow: 6 PCBC, but only sightings.

Dark-eyed Junco: max 137 PCBC.

Lapland Longspur: 3 Pardy Rd, CLIN 20 Dec (BK), only report.

Snow Bunting: 50 NP; 60 FCBC; 200 Churubusco; 400 Peru; max 439 PCBC.

N. Cardinal: Inlet Dec (GL); pr LL Dec (DB); 14 SLCBC; male wintered TL (CD), still fairly scarce in Adks., but 11 ECBC, 17 FCBC, & max 58 PCBC typical of lower elevations.

Red-winged Blackbird: ECBC; 3 FCBC; Inlet 14-15 Dec (GL), uncommon in winter.

Com. Grackle: ECBC; SLCBC; TLCBC; max 3 PCBC, uncommon in winter.

Brown-headed Cowbird: Peru 11 Dec (EF); 11 PCBC; 6 TLCBC; max 75 Peru late Feb (EF).

Pine Grosbeak: Akey Rd, CLIN; ECBC; LL, Newcomb; Rand Hill, CLIN, but max 5 SLCBC, the largest number.

Purple Finch: max 24 PCBC, fairly scarce.

House Finch: max 114 PCBC.

Red Crossbill: 3 FCBC and 3 Westport 30 Jan (JN), possibly same birds; 2 No Luck Brook 30 Jan (GL), only reports.

White-winged Crossbill: heard Paul Smiths Dec; ECBC; 13 SLCBC; 3 BB 5 Feb (NO); 3 Paul Smiths same day (BM); max 20 Oregon Plains Rd, FRAN 12 Feb (MY).

Com. Redpoll: max 266 SLCBC, restricted to higher elevations, with just 3 ECBC and none FCBC & PCBC.

Hoary Redpoll: Newcomb 17 Jan (TW); LL 9-15 Feb (JC).

Pine Siskin: max 181 SLCBC, but like redpolls only 5 ECBC, one 1 PCBC, and none FCBC.

Am. Goldfinch: max 529 SLCBC, most abundant & widespread winter finch, with 262 ECBC & 332 PCBC.

Evening Grosbeak: max 130 Vermontville 12 Feb (MY), fairly widespread, from 89 FCBC to 87 SLCBC.

CORRIGENDUM:

The Summer 04 entry for **Bay-breasted Warbler** (54: 4, p. 360) should read: **Palm Warbler:** Sabattis Bog 27 Jun (BC); ad & 2 juv Paul Smiths 22 Aug (JH,NH,MM).



REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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Winter weather in 2005 was strange, variable, and stormy. A quick look at monthly averages for precipitation and temperatures at Albany International Airport reveal nothing unusual, but a more careful study of day-to-day weather data uncovers seesawing temperatures, freak rainstorms, snow and ice squalls, and strong winds. December's temperatures ranged from —5... F to 57... F, with no single significant warm or cold spell. January's average temperature was 2.7... below average, but this masks the fact that four days topped 40... F, and the month experienced half a dozen warm drizzly rain showers. February began uncharacteristically warm, with a (high of 52... F on 1 February) and with little snow cover. The season ended colder than average, with several small storms of mixed precipitation. This winter's weather presented a thermoregulatory challenge to anything unlucky enough to live outside.

The lack of an early consistent freeze kept many large bodies of water only partially frozen, and early Christmas Bird Counts showed higher than average waterfowl species diversity. Fall migrants such as Ring-necked Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Ruddy Duck, Northern Pintail, and Gadwall showed up on multiple counts. Common Loons, (4 in Albany and 3 in Chatham,) are unusual on Hudson Valley CBCs. A Red-necked Grebe on the Albany count was also unexpected. Despite open water, late winter waterfowl surveys, especially to the north, found low numbers of ducks.

American Crows are in the news again. The cities of Albany and Troy for the third year paid federal wildlife agents \$6,000 to send out five two-man crews to disband large roosts in the Capital District. Using hand-held lasers, recorded distress calls, and fireworks, the Feds chased two roosts, (each estimated at 20,000 birds,) around the cities. Despite this, Capital District CBCs still tallied record numbers of the crows, and the roosts appeared firmly in place at winter's end. One newspaper headline in Columbia County worried that roosts might spread across the landscape like a plague: Is [our] county the next stop on the roost belt? Large roosts (>1000) have also been recorded in Montgomery, Schoharie, and Washington counties. While sympathetic to inconvenienced property owners, birders can find prime opportunities for fascinating study in the roosts. The hour of socialization that occurs before crows settle down for the evening is an unpredictable and thought-provoking phenomenon. It's obvious why so many crows congregate around the refuse dumps and sewage treatment facilities in the Capital District, but why would large roosts form in rural areas that seem to offer unspecialized feeding areas and roosting habitats? How exactly do roosts form and what advantages do they confer? Another anecdote of interest involves observers on the Southern Rensselaer CBC, who watched two Red-tailed Hawks opportunistically harass and feed on crows from the large roost near the Port of Albany.

Bob Yunick's late fall banding data showed an increase in Tufted Titmouse numbers, and December CBCs likewise recorded high counts for this species. Chatham recorded more than 200, and many other Region 8 CBCs tallied nearly as many. Both Winter Wren and Carolina Wren numbers were up, despite the season's weather challenges. Area CBCs recorded 8 Winter Wrens compared to with only 2 in 2003 and a single bird in 2002. Carolina Wrens appeared 37 times on Region 8 CBCs this year, an increase over last year's tally of 20, but below the count of 60 in 2002.

Each winter brings at least a few half-hardy surprises, but Hudson Falls **Blue-headed Vireo** was a December first for Washington County. The Johnstown-Gloversville CBC uncovered a **House Wren**, and many counties tallied American Pipits in modestly high numbers throughout early winter. A **Grey Catbird** on the Chatham CBC was an interesting find, trumped only by the fact that Schenectady CBC birders found **three** on the same day to the north. Another catbird surfaced in Clifton Park, Saratoga County, on 9 January. Warblers were scarce for the third winter in a row. According to the records at my disposal, this winter's report of a single Yellow-rumped Warbler is the lowest winter total in a decade. Finally, A CBC party at Delmar's Five Rivers Educational Center in Albany County searched through House Sparrows to discover a very cooperative **Dickcissel** that lingered for more than a week at feeders much to the pleasure of other Albany birders.

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Abbreviations

ALB—T Albany ALBA; CAT—T Catskill GREE; CBC—Christmas Bird Count; CHA—T Chatham COLU; COH—City of Cohoes ALBA; COX—T Coxsackie GREE; FtE—T Fort Edwards WASH; GLO—T Gloversville FULT; HR—Hudson Ri; JOH—T Johnstown FULT; NBA—T New Baltimore GREE; SAR—T Saratoga SARA; SCH—T Schenectady SCHE.

WHISTLING-DUCKS—VULTURES

Snow Goose: max 6402 SAR CBC 18 Dec; 3 HR 3 Feb.

Canada Goose: max 8881 SAR CBC 18 Dec.

Wood Duck: 8 ALB CBC 19 Dec.

Gadwall: 2 SAR CBC 18 Dec; SCH CBC 18 Dec.

Blue-winged Teal: CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.

N. Pintail: 3 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.

Green-winged Teal: SAR CBC 18 Dec.

Canvasback: Cox 16-17 Jan.

Ring-necked Duck: 32 CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; SAR CBC 18 Dec; 32 ALB CBC 19 Dec.

Lesser Scaup: 3 Nassau L. RENS 14 Dec; Troy CBC 1 Jan.

Long-tailed Duck: Bolton Landing CBC 18 Dec; ALB CBC 19 Dec.

Bufflehead: max 8 Bolton Landing CBC 18 Dec.

Com. Goldeneye: max 153 SAR CBC 18 Dec.
Hooded Merganser: max 28 Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec.
Red-breasted Merganser: SAR CBC 18 Dec; 7 Salem CBC 28 Dec.
Ruddy Duck: 30 COX 8-14 Dec; 11 ALB CBC 19 Dec.
Ring-necked Pheasant: Bolton Landing CBC 18 Dec; Northumberland SARA 30 Jan; CHA 1-27 Feb.
Com. Loon: Alcove Res ALBA 17 Dec; Bolton Landing CBC 18 Dec; 3 CHA CBC 18 Dec; 4 ALB CBC 19 Dec.
Red-necked Grebe: ALB CBC 19 Dec.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: reports of 3-6 on most CBCs.
N. Harrier: max 8 COX 2 Jan.
Cooper's Hawk: observed hunting Am. Crows 13 Dec (WR).
N. Goshawk: Northumberland SARA 22 Dec; Troy RENS 4 Jan; SARA 30 Jan; Gilbert Rd SARA 2 Feb.
Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 SCH 18 Dec; ALB CBC 19 Dec; CHA 3 Feb.
Rough-legged Hawk: max 8 N SARA 30 Dec.
Golden Eagle: Germantown COLU 3 Jan (BC).
Merlin: Slingerlands SARA 4 Dec; Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec; S RENS CBC 27 Dec; FtE 17 Jan; Clifton Park SARA 2 Feb; Vischer Ferry SARA 3 Feb.
Peregrine Falcon: max 3 S RENS CBC 27 Dec.
Killdeer: CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec.
Iceland Gull: CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; 2 SCH CBC 18 Dec; 4 Troy CBC 1 Jan; Crescent SCHE 16 Jan; Coeymans ALBA 7 Feb; 2 COX 12-26 Feb.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: 2 Troy CBC 1 Jan; COX 12 Feb.
Glaucous Gull: CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; Troy CBC 1 Jan; COX 18 Feb.
Great Black-backed Gull: max 626 Troy CBC 1 Jan.

DOVESPIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

E. Screech-Owl: total 12 CBC reports 14 Dec-1 Jan.
Great Horned Owl: total 15 CBC reports 14 Dec-1 Jan.
Barred Owl: total 5 CBC reports

14 Dec-1 Jan.
Short-eared Owl: Ft Plain MONT 4 Jan; FtE 17 Jan-13 Feb; 2 COX 21 Feb.
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: total 7 CBC reports 14 Dec- 1 Jan, 8 other reports.
Pileated Woodpecker: 16 ALB CBC 19 Dec, high count; 14 CHA CBC 18 Dec, high count.

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

E. Phoebe: New Salem ALBA 16 Dec.
N. Shrike: FtE 16 Dec; CHA CBC 18 Dec; SAR CBC 18 Dec; SCH CBC 18 Dec; Black Creek Marsh 19 Dec; Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec; max 4 JOH-GLO CBC 26 Dec; Vischer Ferry SARA 16 Jan; MONT 20 Jan; COX 17 Feb, modest winter invasion.
BLUE-HEADED VIREO: Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec.
Am. Crow: max 3178 Troy CBC 3178 1 Jan.
Fish Crow: 4 SCH CBC 18 Dec; 2 Troy CBC 1 Jan; max 35 Colonie ALBA 3 Jan; NBA 10 Jan-17 Feb.
Com. Raven: scattered reports consistent with winter averages.
Horned Lark: 42 CHA CBC 18 Dec; 170 SAR CBC 18 Dec; 100 Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec; 60 S RENS CBC 27 Dec; max 588 Salem CBC 28 Dec; 100 WASH 18 Jan.
Tufted Titmouse: max 203 CHA CBC 18 Dec.
Carolina Wren: total 37 CBC reports 14 Dec-1 Jan.
HOUSE WREN: JOH-GLO CBC 26 Dec.
Winter Wren: total 8 CBC report 14 Dec-1 Jan.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: CHA CBC 18 Dec.
Hermit Thrush: Vischer Ferry SARA 4 Feb.
GRAY CATBIRD: CHA CBC 18 Dec; 3 SCH CBC 18 Dec, high count; Clifton Park SARA 9 Jan.
Am. Pipit: CAT-COX CBC 14 Dec; COH 30 Dec; max 100 Route 10 Livingston COLU 16 Jan.

WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler: Troy CBC 1 Jan, only report.
WILSON'S WARBLER: NBA 1 Dec (RG), somewhat late.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: 3 S RENS CBC 27 Dec.

Savannah Sparrow: Florida MONT 13 Jan; max 7 COX 17 Jan; 3 COX 26 Feb.

Fox Sparrow: CHA 1 Dec, only report.

Swamp Sparrow: SAR CBC 18 Dec;

SCH CBC 18 Dec; ALB CBC 19 Dec;

Troy CBC 1 Jan.

White-crowned Sparrow: CHA CBC 18 Dec.

Lapland Longspur: Lusso Rd MONT 20 Jan; max 5 E River Rd WASH 20 Jan.

Snow Bunting: 30-40 Broadalbin FULT

13 Dec; 31 SAR CBC 18 Dec; max 228

JOH-GLO CBC 26 Dec; 40 S RENS

CBC 27 Dec; 45 Salem CBC 28 Dec.

DICKCISSEL: Five Rivers ALBA 19

Dec-2 Jan (DH, TM, PP, SS).

Red-winged Blackbird: arr COX 17 Feb.

E. Meadowlark: 2 FtE 12 Feb.

Com. Grackle: arr COX 16 Feb.

Brown-headed Cowbird: max 187

Salem CBC 28 Dec; 5 Troy CBC 1 Jan;

COX 17 Jan.

Purple Finch: total 42 CBC reports 14

Dec-1 Jan; 29 Glen MONT 3 Jan.

Red Crossbill: 3 JOH-GLO CBC 26

Dec, only report.

Common Redpoll: Galway SARA 17

Dec; CHA CBC 18 Dec; 2 Gansevoort

SARA1 Jan.

Pine Siskin: NBA 4-10 Dec; 6 SCH CBC

18 Dec; 3 Hudson Falls CBC 19 Dec;

Porter Corners SARA 23 Jan.

Evening Grosbeak: CAT-COX CBC

14 Dec; 11 JOH-GLO CBC 26 Dec;

max 30 Northville FULT 23 Jan.

REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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The season started out warm, leaving more open water than normal and little or no snow for the Christmas Bird Counts. The Region went into a short deep freeze on 20 and 21 December, with Poughkeepsie dropping to minus 1 each night. Lakes and ponds in the southern half of the Region that started to freeze were reopened by a warm rain two days latter, with Poughkeepsie reaching 61 on 23 December. The month ended up 1.3; degrees warmer than normal with average precipitation.

The new year started out very warm. The first two weeks of January were 9 to 10 degrees warmer than normal. Poughkeepsie reached a high of 64; degrees on 14 January. Many lakes, and even small ponds, remained open, especially in the southern part of the Region. The rest of the month did a complete turn, as the r Region went into a two and a half week deep, deep freeze. Open bodies of water froze just in time for the waterfowl count. Average temperatures for the last half of January were 10-11; degrees below normal. In Poughkeepsie, twelve of the last seventeen days the month had lows of less then 10; degrees, with half of them below zero. The city reached a low of minus 14 on 28 January. New Paltz reached minus 18 on the same day. Besides the cold, a snowstorm with blizzard conditions hit the Region on 22-23 January. Eight to fifteen inches of snow fell on the Region, with wind gusts over 50 mph. Newburgh Airport had a gust reaching 47 mph, Nyack had a gust at 51 mph, and Westchester County Airport reach 52 mph, all on the morning of the 23rd. In the end, the month averaged out with near normal precipitation and only 1-2; degrees colder than normal.

February mirrored January, with the first half warm followed by below normal temperatures. The month averaged out 1.5 to 3.3; degrees warmer than average. Precipitation was well below normal, with Poughkeepsie having only

1.5 inches, one full inch below normal. Three snowstorms on the 20-21, 24-25, and 28th dumped 5 to 9 inches each, to close out the season.

The highlight of the season was a Region 9 first. A freshly deceased **CAVE SWALLOW** was found by Tom Burke on 16 December, under the I-95 Thruway bridge next to the Rye train station in Westchester County. The bird apparently was roosting under the bridge for the night and froze to death.

The winter featured good numbers of Rough-legged Hawk, Short-eared Owl, and Long-eared Owl at Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge and Croton Point Park. There were only three reports for Northern Shrike. Winter finches were generally absent except for scattered reports of Purple Finch and Pine Siskin, with single sightings of Common Redpoll and Evening Grosbeak.

The two Greater White-fronted Geese on Silver Lake in North White Plains stayed until at least 11 December, but did not stay for the Greenwich Christmas Bird Count. Another Greater White-fronted Goose was found in Pine Plains in February. Many counts did contribute to many of the rarities this season.

The 50th annual Peekskill CBC [NYPE], conducted on December 18th, totaled 97 species, surpassing last year's previous high count of 93. Ducks and soaring raptors were notably lacking, as was woodland bird activity. The highlight of the count was an immature Lark Sparrow found by Charlie Roberto at a Croton-on-Hudson feeder. It was present the next day as well, but was not reported thereafter. A number of half-hardy species were found, undoubtedly owing to the fact that no significant snowfall had occurred prior to the count day. Other finds included; Snow Goose, 55 Brant, 12 Black Vultures, 2 Peregrine Falcons, 2 Short-eared Owls, 2 House Wrens, and four White-crowned Sparrows.

The East Orange CBC [NYEO] recorded 80 species, including Wilson's Warbler and two Common Yellowthroats.

Mohonk Lake-Ashokan Reservoir CBC [NYML] recorded 64 species, including 35 Black and 47 Turkey Vultures and had two count week Iceland Gulls.

The Monticello count [NYMT] held 26 December had 53 species. Highlights included a Snow Goose and Pine Siskin.

The Pawling-Hidden Valley count [NYHV] found 75 species, with 26 Black Vulture, a Golden Eagle, and a Pine Siskin.

The Westchester portion of the Bronx-Westchester CBC included 93 of the 111 species for the whole count. The best birds were in the Bronx, which included Baltimore Oriole, Pine Warblers, and Ovenbird, see the Region 10 report. An additional Pine Warbler was found by Joe and Ellen O Connell two days after the count at their Yonkers feeder, and survived the entire winter. Other finds included a Great Egret in Larchmont, and two Eurasian Wigeon, one on Premium Mill Pond and the other in Rye. White-winged Scoter and Northern Gannet were off Edith G. Read Sanctuary also in Rye.

A Tufted Duck was reported by Pat Pollock, Chuck McAlexander, and Jeff Kimball at Edith G. Read Preserve in Rye, on 20 January mixed in with the huge scaup flock on the lake. It could not be relocated the next day. A Razorbill was found by Andy Guthrie off Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary on 9 January and stayed for at least 3 days. Two Razorbills were off nearby Milton Point on 17 January. Chet Vincent found a Bohemian Waxwing in a huge flock of Cedar Waxwings in Pleasant Valley on Tower Hill Road off US 44, on 29 January. Les

Line found Dutchess County's first winteran Orange-crowned Warbler at his feeder on 5 February, and it stayed into March. This is Dutchess County's first winter record. Lapland Longspurs were found in January at Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary and in Florida, NY.

Other notable species include: Eurasian Green-winged Teal, Black Scoter in Sullivan County, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, and Red-headed Woodpecker.

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Abbreviations

CPP – Croton Point Park, EGR – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, HM – Hook Mountain, MC – Marshlands Conservancy, NYBW – Bronx-Westchester CBC, NYDC – Dutchess County CBC, NYEO – East Orange CBC, NYPE – Peekskill CBC, RNC – Rye Nature Center, SGNWR – Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge, WRNWF – Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

Greater White-fronted Goose: 2 North White Plains 1-11 Dec; Pine Plains 25 Feb (CV).

Snow Goose: CPP 18 Dec; NYEO 18 Dec; 6 North East 19 Dec; NYMT 26 Dec; 4 Stanford 28 Dec; Wurtsboro 15 Jan.

Brant: 100 Poughkeepsie 5 Dec; 55 CPP 18 Dec; 1301 Long I Sound 26 Dec (NYBW); 147 EGR 16 Jan, 16 Feb.

Canada Goose: 3000 Pine Plains 25 Feb.

Wood Duck: 2 Salt Pt 25 Feb.

Eurasian Wigeon: Rye 26 Dec (NYBW); New Rochelle 26 Dec (NYBW).

Northern Shoveler: 3 NYPE 18 Dec.

Northern Pintail: 6 Pine Plains 21 Dec.

Eurasian Green-winged Teal: Tuckahoe/Yonkers 10-28 Feb (AB,MB,KJ,SM)

Canvasback: low numbers on CBCs.

Ring-necked Duck: 143 NYDC 18 Dec; 138 Beekman 22 Dec.

Tufted Duck: EGR 20 Jan (PP,CM,JK).

Greater Scaup: 4000 EGR 10,15 Jan.

Lesser Scaup: 400 EGR 7.,10 Jan.

Surf Scoter: EGR 10 Jan.

White-winged Scoter: Rye 12,26 Dec, 1,7,17 Jan.

Black Scoter: Kiamasha L 11,12 Dec (JH).

Long-tailed Duck: 31 Rye 26 Dec (NYBW); 140 EGR 16 Feb.

Common Merganser: 390 Sprain Res, Yonkers 26 Dec; 800 Lake De Forest 15 Jan.

Red-breasted Merganser: 11 NYDC 18 Dec; NYPE 18 Dec.

Ruddy Duck: 60 Beekman 31 Dec.

Wild Turkey: 161 NYDC 18 Dec; 176 NYEO 18 Dec; 91 NYML 18 Dec; 131 NYHV 18 Dec; 30 NYMT 26 Dec; 38 NYBW 26 Dec.

Red-throated Loon: 12 Rye 26 Dec (NYBW); 16 EGR 11 Jan.

Common Loon: 8 EGR 12 Dec.

Pied-billed Grebe: Wallkill R, New Paltz 10 Mar (CG).

Horned Grebe: Ashokan Res 18 Dec.

Red-necked Grebe: EGR 7,0,17 Jan.

Northern Gannet: 7 EGR 12 Dec; EGR 26 Dec, 1 Jan.

Double-crested Cormorant: 4 NYPE 18 Dec.

Great Blue Heron: 18 EGR 3 Jan.

Great Egret: Larchmont 26 Dec (NYBW).

Black-crowned Night-Heron: EGR 12,24 Dec, 1,3,11 Jan.

Black Vulture: 12 NYPE 18 Dec; 35 New Paltz, NYML 18 Dec; 26 NYHV 18 Dec; 2 Pine Plains 20 Feb; 1 Vassar Farm 3 Feb; Town of LaGrange 22 Feb; 3 Pine Plains 25 Feb.

Turkey Vulture: 41 New Paltz, NYML 18 Dec; moving north late Feb.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: 20 Georges 1 29 Jan; 81 Dunderberg Mountain roost 13 Feb.

Northern Harrier: 5 SGNWR 19 Feb.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 2 NYPE 18 Dec.

Red-tailed Hawk: albino Rosendale/High Falls 26 Dec; albino Shaupeneak Ridge 26 Dec (PR).

Rough-legged Hawk: SGNWR 12 Dec; SGNWR 10 Jan; 3 SGNWR 18 Jan; 2 CPP Jan-Feb; 2 Chester 28 Jan; 3 SGNWR 28 Jan; 13 SGNWR 20 Feb.

Golden Eagle: Stissing Mtn 3 Dec; 2 Stissing Mtn 11,28 Dec; NYHV 18 Dec; 3 Stissing Mt 13 Feb; 2 Stissing Mtn 27 Feb.

Merlin: Beacon 11 Dec; Arlington 19 Feb.

Peregrine Falcon: 2 NYPE 18 Dec; Mid-Hudson Bridge 21 Dec, 1,13 Feb.

Virginia Rail: 2 MC 26 Dec.

Purple Sandpiper: 71 Rye 26 Dec.

Common Wilson's Snipe: Town of North East 9 Dec.

American Woodcock: Beacon 17 Feb (ES).

Bonaparte's Gull: 15 Rye 12 Dec.

Iceland Gull: Sullivan Co Landfill 8 Dec (JH); 2 Sullivan Co Landfill 18 Dec (JH); Rondout Creek, Eddyville 21 Dec (LF); EGR 1 Jan (TB); 3 Sullivan Co Landfill 15 Jan (ABO,JH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull: Sullivan Co Landfill 20 Jan (JH).

Glaucous Gull: Monticello 15 Jan (ABO,JH); 2 Sullivan Co Landfill 20 Jan (JH).

Razorbill: EGR 9,10,11 Jan (AG,TB); 2 Rye 17 Jan (TB).

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Long-eared Owl: 3 SGNWR 18 Jan (JV); NYDC 18 Dec; 2 CPP 5 Feb.

Short-eared Owl: 12 SGNWR 12, 30 Dec (CG); 2 CPP 18 Dec (MB,KJ); NYEO 18 Dec; Montgomery 10 Jan (JH); 4 SGNWR 10 Jan (JH); 5 CPP 15 Jan (RJ); 3 SGNWR 18 Jan (JV); Redhook 31 Jan (TC,RW); 6 CPP 27 Feb (GD).

Red-headed Woodpecker: Blue Chip Farms 10 Jan, 20 Feb (JH); Scarsdale 24 Dec (NYBW).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

Northern Shrike: White Sulfur Spring 5 Dec (R & MGo); SGNWR 30 Dec (Abr, MGr); Swan Lake 15 Jan (ABO,JH, RD).

American Crow: 4000 Downing Park, Newburgh 14 Dec; 12000 Poughkeepsie roost 10 Feb; 1000 Baird Park 9 Feb.

Fish Crow: 2 Rhinecliff 26 Feb; 2 Beacon 27 Feb.

Common Raven: building nest on side of Stissing Mt 20 Feb (RG).

Horned Lark: 40 Millbrook 27 Dec; 60 Montgomery 10 Jan; 25 EGR 14 Jan; 100 Florida 28 Jan; 25 Salt Point 2 Feb; 40 Gretna 2 Feb.

CAVE SWALLOW: under I-95 Thruway bridge next to the Rye train station WEST 16 December (TB), found dead, 1st Regional record.

Red-breasted Nuthatch: scattered reports throughout rRegion.

House Wren: 2 NYPE 18 Dec.; Purchase 19 Dec.

Marsh Wren: Larchmont 26 Dec.

American Robin: high numbers on most CBCs.

Gray Catbird: 2 Vassar Farm 4 Dec; Kingston 1 Jan.

Brown Thrasher: NYPE 18 Dec.

American Pipit: 40 Amenia 9 Dec; 8 CPP 18 Dec.

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler: Smithfield 5 Feb-thru, 1st winter record for DUTC (LL,BB).

Pine Warbler: Yonkers 28 Dec thru (J&EO).

Common Yellowthroat: 2 NYEO 18 Dec.

Wilson's Warbler: NYEO 18 Dec.

TANAGERS - WEAVERS

Chipping Sparrow: Claryville 2 Dec (RS); Pound Ridge 1 Jan (JA).

Lark Sparrow: Croton-on-Hudson 18,19 Dec (CR).

White-crowned Sparrow: 4 CPP 18 Dec; 4 NYEO 18 Dec; North East 4,20 Feb.

Lapland Longspur: EGR 14 Jan (TB); 2 Florida 28 Jan (JH).

Snow Bunting: 3 Hunter Rd 17 Dec (JW); 5 NYEO 18 Dec; 2 Hunter Rd, Dutc 4 Jan.

Northern Cardinal: high counts on most CBCs.

Red-winged Blackbird: 105 NYHV 18 Dec; 300 Mashomack 2 Feb, 300 Coleman Station 17 Feb.

Eastern Meadowlark: 2 CPP 18 Dec; 10 SGNWR 30 Dec.

Rusty Blackbird: NYDC 18 Dec; 2 NYEO 18 Dec; 15 NYHV 18 Dec; 2 Florida 28 Jan .

Common Grackle: 1723 NYEO 18 Dec; 400 Coleman Station 17 Feb.

Brown-headed Cowbird: 995 NYEO 18 Dec.

Common Redpoll: Lenoir Preserve 7,8,9 Jan (MB,KJJ).

Pine Siskin: Poughquag 6 Dec; 2 NYDC 18 Dec; NYHV 18 Dec; NYMT 26 Dec; MC 28 Dec; 3 Greenfield Park 5 Jan.

Evening Grosbeak: Ellenville 4 Dec (PM).

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REGION 10—MARINE

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Average temperatures were near normal in December and January and somewhat warmer than usual in February. Whereas December's weather was generally unremarkable, January featured two very different periods, two weeks of very warm weather followed by frigid conditions through the end of the month. A severe coastal blizzard 23-25 January dumped over a foot of snow throughout the Region, and portions of eastern LI received two feet of snow. Gale winds continued for a day after this storm causing 'white-out' conditions, and frigid weather continued for about a week thereafter. This period undoubtedly had real impacts on many kinds of birds (and birders), but the oft-repeated comparisons between this season and some of the really severe winters of the past were probably not warranted. Uniform weather is the exception and not the rule in Region 10, and when our average temperatures and precipitation totals approach long-term norms, it is most often via disparate short-term patterns, such as those experienced this season.

A number of trends were discernible in our winter bird reports. Unusually large numbers of Black and Surf scoters continued off of eastern LI. On 28 January, Peter Scully found two Thick-billed Murres at Shinnecock Inlet, presaging the first major incursion of this species to our area in many years, perhaps since the great flight of 1976-77. In the following days additional individuals, some moribund, were found at several localities from Queens to Montauk. A number of winter residents that are vulnerable to deep snow and prolonged freezes were well reported through early January but withdrew or perished after the weather deteriorated. Examples include Clapper Rail, Tree Swallow, Hermit Thrush, Fox Sparrow, and many others. "Yellow-shafted" Northern Flickers illustrated this pattern particularly well. They were present in ordinary numbers through the CBC period, staged a noticeable influx to the coast on 15 January, and withdrew almost completely after the snowstorm of 23-25 January. An immature Yellow-crowned Night-Heron that appeared at Central Park on 18 January, on the heels of the cold snap, was likely another hard weather refugee. Whereas many half-hardy birds undoubtedly suffered from late January's severe weather, so did the effort expended by birders seeking them—a perennial bias that constrains analysis of trends such as those described above. Consider Northern Cardinal, a southern species rare in our Region prior to the 1940's. Not only did totals for this species approach or exceed all-time maxima on many/most Regional CBCs this season (a trend also evident elsewhere in the state and in southern New England), but a systematic count on Block Island, RI (just to the east of our area) revealed that exceptional numbers of cardinals persisted there at least through late February, despite the cold and snow. Similarly, American Robins and various blackbirds were present throughout the period and reported in large numbers both during and after the cold weather of late January, making it impossible to distinguish hard weather dispersal from northbound migration. Winter finches were almost absent. The only reported Common Redpolls were two on the Montauk CBC on 18 December, a

single bird at Breezy Pt. on various dates in January and February, and a bird at a feeder in Ridge 14 Feb.

As usual, field work associated with the CBCs produced a number of noteworthy dates. For example, the long-staying Broad-winged Hawk at Central Park was tallied on 19 December's CBC, and the Southern Nassau County CBC on 2 January featured two Willets for the second consecutive year. The latter appeared to belong to the western race *inornatus* and were present through February at Pt. Lookout. The CBC data presented elsewhere in this issue feature many, many additional examples of this kind, but two astonishing seasonal vagrants deserve special mention: a Yellow Warbler photographed on the Brooklyn CBC on 18 December and a Canada Warbler described well on the Captree CBC the next day. Despite its ubiquity through the summer and early fall, the former species is completely unexpected in our area after early October, and the latter is essentially unknown anywhere in North America after October!

In addition to seasonal novelties, this winter yielded a number of outstanding rarities. The "Richardson's" Cackling Goose found by Dick and Leslie Gershon near Pt. Lookout on the Southern Nassau County CBC on 2 January was well documented and seen by many observers over the following days. Although identification criteria for the various races of Cackling and Canada geese are still evolving, this bird showed the grayish-brown dorsal color, pale breast, and distinctive size and structure characteristic of the race *hutchinsii*—the only taxon of Cackling Goose with an established pattern of occurrence in our area. The immature Golden Eagle continued at Scallop Pond Preserve, Southampton at least through 4 December. The Central Park Boreal Owl, already legendary, is featured in this issue's lead article. An Ash-throated Flycatcher continued from November at Prospect Park and was joined by a second on 4 December (Rob Jett, *et al.*). Bryan Pfeiffer's discovery of a Townsend's Solitaire at Maidstone Park, Easthampton on 19 December fit into an emerging pattern of vagrancy this season, of thrushes of the Interior West to the Northeast. This bird was present through at least 9 January. The Mountain Bluebird present at Robert Moses State Park 22-30 November was not reported in December, but requires mention here to correct an error: the last Mountain Bluebird documented on Long Island prior to this individual was one seen by Joel Horman at Rocky Pt., Suffolk County in 1999, not the record from 1990 as stated in the Fall report. Hugh McGuinness and companions found a Western Tanager at Setauket Mill Pond on the Smithtown CBC on 27 December. Several more lucky observers saw and photographed this bird later that day, but efforts to relocate it on later days were not successful. Immature Harris's and Gambel's White-crowned sparrows at Baldwin Harbor Park on the Southern Nassau County CBC on 2 January were seen by many of the participants on that count and remained with a large flock of White-throated Sparrows at least through the morning of 23 January, when the snow began to fall in earnest.

Once again I offer my thanks to everyone who contributed information regarding this season's bird records, particularly those observers who made an extra effort to document unusual observations and those who provided some analysis of how their observations fit into expected patterns of occurrence within their local areas. In the records summary below, I am continuing the policy of capitalizing the names of all species presently requiring NYSARC review. I would

also like to continue to draw attention to other kinds of records that I consider worthy of documentation, but on the advice of Regional Reports Editor Robert Spahn, I am abandoning the system of italicized text introduced in the Fall 2004 report. Instead, the names of species worthy of documentation in Region 10 (but not on the NYSARC review list) will also be capitalized, followed by "(R10)" and really unusual dates and localities will be bold-faced.

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Abbreviations

BLSP—Belmont Lake State P; BP—Breezy Pt; CB—Cedar Beach; CP—Central P; GI—Gardiner's I; HP—Hook Pond; JBSP—Jones Beach SP; JI—Jones Inlet; MI—Moriches Inlet; MP—Montauk Pt; PBP—Pelham Bay P; PL—Point Lookout; SC—Seatuck Creek; Shin—Shinnecock Inlet.

WHISTLING-DUCKS - VULTURES

GR. WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE (R10):

HP 19 Dec (PMP, RPr) thru at least 9 Jan (JQ).

BLACK BRANT: PL 5 Feb (SA, KO L).

RICHARDSON'S CACKLING

GOOSE (R10): PL 2 Jan (D&LG, mob).

Tundra Swan: two GI 18 Dec (fide HM);

2 HP 12 Feb (SM, PL).

EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED

TEAL (R10): 24 Dec Robinson s Pond,

Bellport (JSt); Meadowbrook X Southern

State Pways 15 Jan (TB, GB).

Redhead: 32 Capri Pond 1 Jan.

King Eider: sev MP thru.

Harlequin Duck: 2-3 PL thru; 2 Horton s

Pt 5 Dec; f. Shinn 29 Jan; m Ditch Plains

12 Feb.

Surf Scoter: >75,000 MI-MP late Dec

(fide HM).

Black Scoter: >40,000 MI-MP late Dec

(fide HM).

Barrow's Goldeneye: Bayville 15 Jan.

PACIFIC LOON: MP Dec 17

(HM, PMP, BK, BP).

Red-necked Grebe: widely reported.

N. Fulmar: pelagic, near NY-NJ

boundary 31 Dec.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron: CP

18 Jan (PP, LS, ph. SH), very unusual

date and site.

Glossy Ibis: Carmen s R **27 Feb** (JMcN),

very unusual date.

HAWKS - ALCIDS

Bald Eagle: widely reported.

N. Goshawk: Bronx Zoo 26 Dec (DKr);

Tobay 2 Jan.

Broad-winged Hawk: continued CP

thru at least **19 Dec**.

Rough-legged Hawk: widely reported.

GOLDEN EAGLE (R10): Scallop

Ponds Preserve, Southampton thru

at least 4 Dec.

Merlin: widely reported.

Peregrine Falcon: resident birds

widely reported.

Am. Kestrel: very few reports.

Sora: Smithtown CBC **27 Dec** (BMcG).

Semipalmated Plover: JI 2 Jan (BR, SO).
Willet: 2 PL 2 Dec (D&LG, mob).
Red Phalarope: Shinn 27 Feb (RKe).
Little Gull: MP Dec 17-18.
Black-headed Gull: JI 2 Jan; imm Shinn 29 Jan; imm. PL 6 Feb.
Iceland Gull: widely reported.
Lesser Black-backed Gull: widely reported.
Glaucous Gull: widely reported; 2 HLSP 2 Jan, unusual location.
Dovekie: 9 offshore waters near NY-NJ boundary 31 Dec.
COMMON MURRE: JI 2 Jan (K&SF).
THICK-BILLED MURRE: 2 Shinn 28 Jan (PS), 1-2 there for at least several days thereafter; other reports from Montauk area, JI, Rockaway Inlet, and BP; *intro*.
Razorbill: widely reported; hundreds from eastern LI vantages.
Black Guillemot: MP several dates, e.g., 22 Dec (VB) & 9 Jan (TB, GB); FT 30 Jan (AnW), unusual w South Shore of LI.

PIGEONS - WOODPECKERS

Snowy Owl: JBSP 11-12 Dec; Shin 9-29 Jan.
Long-eared Owl: several reports from traditional sites.
Short-eared Owl: widely reported.
BARRED OWL (R10): BPB several dates (MB, KJ, ph. SMa).
BOREAL OWL: 19 Dec -13 Jan CP (JD, PP, mob).
N. Saw-whet Owl: several reports from traditional sites.
RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD: CP continuing thru at least 6 Dec.
RUFIOUS/ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD: Orient thru 5 Dec.
Red-headed Woodpecker: continued from fall at several sites, e.g, 8 Barcelona Neck 19 Dec (BK).
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: Widely reported on CBCs; late records include one Springs 19 Feb (BR, KR).

FLYCATCHERS - WAXWINGS

ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER: 1-2 PP thru at least 18 Dec (R. Jett, mob).
N. Shrike: CB 3-4 Dec.
Tree Swallow: many reports thru early Jan.
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: Baiting Hollow 8 Dec (AB); MP 18 Dec (WB).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE:

Maidstone Park, Easthampton 19 Dec-9 Jan (BP, mob).
Brown Thrasher: Late records include singles Southampton 29 Jan (AB, SM, PL) and Calverton 18 Feb (DH).

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler: Blydenburgh Park, Hauppauge 9 Feb (JH), late.
Yellow Warbler: Brooklyn CBC 18 Dec (ph.).
Pine Warbler: 6 Bronx Botanical Garden 26 Dec (SN), a very large number for the date; widely reported on CBCs.
Ovenbird: Bronx Zoo 26 Dec (DKr).
Canada Warbler: Sayville 19 Dec (RG, SD'A), unexpected at this date anywhere in North America.
Yellow-breasted Chat: Widely reported on CBCs; late records include one Southampton 9 Jan (SM, PL).

TANAGERS-WEAVERS

WESTERN TANAGER: Setauket Mill Pond 27 Dec (HM, BK, PS, mob).
Clay-colored Sparrow: Sagaponack CBC 19 Dec (DF).
Vesper Sparrow: 6 Sagaponack CBC 19 Dec (DF).
NELSON'S SHARP-TAILED SPARROW: 2 Central Suffolk CBC 26 Dec (fide HM).
Seaside Sparrow: Tobay 2 Jan (DT).
White-throated Sparrow x Dark-eyed Junco hybrid: Northville 21 & 25 Feb (MLL).
HARRIS'S SPARROW: Baldwin Harbor Park 2-23 Jan (SM, PL, mob).
"GAMBEL'S" WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW (R10): Baldwin Harbor Park 2-23 Jan (AG, mob).
N. Cardinal: sev CBC totals approaching or exceeding all-time maxima.
Rusty Blackbird: 33 Van Cortland Park, large number.
Boat-tailed Grackle: 7 m singing Dune Rd. 5 Mar.
Com. Redpoll: 2 MP 18 Dec (PL); BP several dates Jan-Feb (fide NYC Area RBA); Ridge 14 Feb (JH)..

EXOTICS

Chiloe Wigeon: 18 Dec Montauk.

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS

Regional rarities appear in BOLD; county names are shortened to their first four letters and appear in UPPER CASE letters; months are shortened to their first three letters. In species accounts: number of individuals omitted implies that one individual was reported; ! - details seen by Regional Editor; ad - adult; Alt - Alternate plumage; Am. - American; arr - arrival or first of season; BBS - Breeding Bird Survey; BOTS - bird of the season; CBC - Christmas Bird Count; CO - confirmed nesting; Com. - Common; E. - Eastern; FL - fledgling; FY -adult feeding young; I - Island; imm - immature; intro - see introduction to report; juv - juvenile; L - Lake; max - maximum; mob - multiple observers; N. - Northern; NYSDEC - New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; NWR - National Wildlife Refuge; NYSARC - report to New York State Avian Records Committee; P -park; Pd- Pond; ph - photographed; Pt -Point; Res - Reservoir;Ri - River; SP - State Park; spm - specimen; subad -subadult; T - Town of; thru - throughout period; Twn - township; W. - Western; WMA - Wildlife Management Area; y - young.

REPORTING REGIONS

Regional boundaries coincide with county lines, except at:

Region 1-Region 2 in Orleans, Genesee and Wyoming Counties:
the boundary is NY Route 98 from Pt. Breeze to Batavia;
NY Route 63 from Batavia to Pavilion, and NY Route 19
from Pavilion to the Allegany County line.

Region 2-Region 3 in Ontario County:
the boundary is Mud Creek to NY Route 64, NY Route 64
from Bristol Center to S. Bristol Springs, and Route 21
from S. Bristol Springs to the Yates County line.

Region 3-Region 5 in Cayuga County:
the boundary is NY Route 31.

REPORTING DEADLINES

Winter Season: December, January, February

Deadline is 7 March

Spring Season: March, April, May

Deadline is 7 June

Summer Season: June, July, August

Deadline is 7 September

Fall Season: September, October, November

Deadline is 7 December



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